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Inos raring to hit campaign trail today

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos disclosed last night that his prolonged confinement at the Commonwealth Health Center was due to the flu and the round-the-clock antibiotic treatment he needed to go through.

» Says hospital-
ization was due
to flu, antibi-
otic treatment



Inos

The good news is that he will be released from the hospital today and he himself said he's raring to return to the campaign trail.

"I had the flu so I was sent to the hospital to make sure I'm in good shape because I just came back from the Philippines. They had to do a series of antibiotics and the way it's administered is intravenously and in six-hour intervals," he told *Saipan Tribune* last night in a phone interview.

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Ketebengang is found not guilty



FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Carlos K. Ketebengang, 38, hugs his aunt outside the courtroom after he was acquitted yesterday of all charges in connection with the allegations that he fondled the breasts of a 12-year-old girl.

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Carlos Kapileo Ketebengang, a 38-year-old environmental specialist accused of fondling the breasts of a then-12-year-old girl on Saipan in 2012, was acquitted yesterday of all charges.

After deliberating for less than three hours yesterday, the six Superior Court jurors reached a verdict finding Ketebengang not guilty of four counts of sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree.

Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho, who decided on the misdemeanor charges, also found him not guilty of disturbing the peace. Camacho earlier dismissed three other counts of disturbing the peace.

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NEW TRAFFIC LIGHTS

Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider flips the switch of the control box for the Beach Road/Tun Segundo Traffic Signal Light Project, which was formally inaugurated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony yesterday morning in Chalan Kanoa.

MARK RABAGO

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Cosmic first: European spacecraft lands on comet

DARMSTADT, Germany (AP)—Landing with a bounce after traveling 4 billion miles, a European spacecraft made history Wednesday by successfully reaching the icy, dusty surface of a speeding comet—a cosmic first designed to answer big questions about the universe.

The landing by the washing machine-sized craft after a decade-long journey required im-

mense precision, as even the slightest error could have resulted in stellar calamity.

ON THE NET

<http://new.livestream.com/ESA/cometlanding>

Indications were that the spacecraft touched down almost perfectly, save for an unplanned bounce, said Stephan Ulamec, head of the lander operation.

"Today we didn't just land once. We maybe

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127 Japanese students to arrive this Monday

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About 127 students from Japan will be arriving in the CNMI on Monday as part of a homestay and cultural exchange program, according to program coordinator Ikuo Yoshizawa.

He said the students, who are from an all-boys school called Johoku, would be staying for five days on Saipan. They are either 17 or 18 years old.

"This is their first time coming to Saipan and they will be learning and doing a cultural exchange program," Yoshizawa said.

The program is in collaboration with the Saipan Mayor's Office.

On their first day, the students will be heading to Saipan Southern High School to interact with

local students. On Tuesday, they will visit the Office on Aging's Man'amko Center. On Wednesday they will go sightseeing and visit the American Memorial Park Museum. They will then visit Managaha Island on Thursday and will leave Saipan on Friday.

Yoshizawa said the program still needs about 20 host families to house two or three students. Families that host these students will be paid \$140 per student.

"So far we have found 33 host families from SSHS and 15 from the Mayor's Office. So we are asking for the community's support," Yoshizawa said.

For more information on homestay programs, call the Saipan Mayor's Office at 234-6208.

Man pleads guilty to burglarizing store

A man who was arrested inside a closed store in Koblerville pleaded guilty to burglary in Superior Court on Wednesday afternoon.

Romileo O. Sahagon, 21, will be sentenced on Dec. 30, 2014, at 10am.

Associate Judge David A. Wiseman ordered the Adult Probation Office to prepare a presentence investigation report.

According to the factual basis of the plea agreement, Sahagon burglarized a building or occupied structure of Manny M. Torres and Zhen Hua Zhang Torres in Koblerville at 11:50pm on Aug. 10, 2014, with the purpose of stealing.

The experience of catching Sahagon inside their store was so frightening to Mrs. Torres that she had to be rushed by an ambulance to the hospital.

Police officers had to summon an ambulance after they noticed that Mrs. Torres, owner of Flo's Mini Mart, kept touching her chest and was hyperventilating.

Police said Sahagon admitted that he broke into the store through the air-conditioner's window at the back to steal betel

nuts and cigarettes, but the owners caught him.

Two police officers responded to the store at 11:54pm after receiving a call about a burglary. When they arrived at the establishment, the owners directed the officers' attention to Sahagon, who was inside the store and appeared cooperative.

Torres told police that the store was already closed but he could not sleep so he got up to make coffee. He and this wife then heard noise coming from the northern side of the store.

Mrs. Torres became frightened when she opened the light in the store and saw Sahagon hiding between the shelves of pots just below the aircon window.

Sahagon did not resist or fought the couple.

Later police requested for medical personnel after they noticed Mrs. Torres touching her chest and hyperventilating. At 12:26am, the ambulance arrived and transported the victim to the hospital.

A crime scene technician recovered at the scene a knife that the suspect used in cutting open the screen. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**

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MVA seeks land operators' input on new rules

The Marianas Visitors Authority hopes to meet with the islands' land tour operators next week to begin discussion on the proposed regulations for Public Law 18-58, according to MVA's managing director Perry Tenorio. Once implemented, the regulations would usher in a certification program for tour operators and guides in the Commonwealth.

"I expect this process to take more than one meeting and [we] are still

targeting full implementation by May 1, 2015," Tenorio told *Saipan Tribune*.

According to the law, the certificates would ensure minimum proficiency in the English language and successful training on the CNMI's history, culture, and scenic attractions of the islands.

The law also allows the charging of "reasonable fees" to carry out these mandates. Further, it requires businesses to "be a member in good standing of MVA" in order to obtain a license to do business as a tour operator, on top of the certification and other things.

MVA has stated the importance of these regulations to ensure quality of service and care of visitors on the islands.

In a board meeting last month, MVA directors also stressed the importance of "true enforcement" of these regulations. Security guards in place at some of the major tourist at-

tractions on island were pointed to as an existing third party for this enforcement.

A "working plan" of six months was set as the timeframe to officially start the certification program.

On the table is a plan to have tour guides and operators com-

plete 30 instructional hours for certification, with 20 hours of classroom instruction, and 10 hours of field instruction, according to Tenorio. But "this is subject to change," he said.

Earlier, Tenorio said MVA would look to revisit the college to discuss the specifics of such a program. *(Dennis B. Chan)*

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\$950K CK traffic signal project inaugurated

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The island's motorists and pedestrians are not the only ones expected to benefit from the new traffic signal system at the intersection of Beach Road and Tun Segundo Road in Chalan Kanoa, which started operating last Oct. 30.

Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider said he expects businesses around the area to start thriving once again because the Beach Road/Tun Segundo Traffic Signal Light Project will not only improve traffic flow in the area but bring bet-

ter aesthetics as well.

"Seem to me our people of Saipan have accepted the new orderly fashion in the traffic here. I didn't hear anyone complain about the potential accident I know over the years have been happening. I also see a lot of smiling faces of business owners here because it also improves the business opportunities on this area," he said during yesterday's ribbon cutting ceremony at the V-Cool Building parking area.

Hofschneider said everyone seems to forget that Chalan Kanoa was the original capital of Saipan and was once a thriving

business center.

"Everybody focuses on Gapan but really where it all started on Saipan is centrally located here in Chalan Kanoa."

Hofschneider also thanked Department of Public Works Secretary Martin Sablan and its Technical Services Division for "a job well done for putting this project into fruition."

The Beach Road/Tun Segundo Traffic Signal Light Project started in July 2013 and was built at a cost of \$948,388. Its contractor is GPPC Inc.

Sablan said the Chalan Kanoa traffic light project is just part of a set of challenges

set forth by the administration of Gov. Eloy S. Inos.

"This is a great opportunity because years ago the administration challenged the Department of Public Works to see what we can do to improve our infrastructure such as our roadways and highways. I would also like to congratulate the members of the DPW Technical Services Division, the Highway Department folks and Mr. John Ripple, and your predecessors for putting the plans to improve, particularly to improve this intersection."

Sablan said he's been dreaming of a traffic light in the inter-

section since coming back from serving in the military as he grew up in the Chalan Kanoa 50 years ago.

"A long time ago when I returned from serving in the military, I would think we would already have a traffic light in the area because it's one of the busiest areas in Chalan Kanoa. But again it just so happened I came back from my military service and I'm now giving the

government my knowledge, expertise, and experience with working with our engineering section to improve this particular intersection."

The ribbon cutting ceremony was also attended by Reps. Ralph Demapan (R-Saipan) and John Paul Sablan (R-Saipan), Mayor Marian Deleon Guerrero Tudela, and Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council members.

JKPL's International Games Day kicks off tomorrow

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The Joeten Kiyu Public Library is inviting the community to join them in celebrating the 2014 International Games Day tomorrow at the library compound from 10am to 4pm.

"This is the first time the public library will be participating in this event," JKPL technical services librarian Rosalyn Ajoste said.

International Games Day is an initiative run by volunteers from around the world under the auspices of the American Library Association. This partners up with Nordic Game Day and the Australian Library and Information Association to reconnect communities through their libraries around the educational, recreational, and social value of all types of games.

"The library will have a variety of traditional board games

on hand as well as computer gaming systems and gaming consoles and online gaming at our IT center," Ajoste said.

Board games include Scrabble, Boggle, Apples to Apples, Chess or Checkers, Monopoly, Trivial Pursuit and card games. Game consoles include Wii and Xbox.

"In the 21st century, libraries are about much more than books. This Saturday more than one thousand libraries around the world will showcase gaming programs and services in support of International Game Day," Ajoste said.

JKPL registered in early November but was not early enough to join the worldwide Minecraft competition or Global Gossip Game. This will be a pilot for JKPL's participation in the future. The library welcomes donations of board games or in-kind.

For more information contact Ajoste at 235-7329.

COSMIC

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even landed twice," he said with a chuckle.

Ulamec said thrusters that were meant to push the lander, called Philae, onto the surface, and harpoons that would have anchored it to the comet failed to deploy properly. Initial data from the spacecraft indicated that it lifted off again, turned and then came to rest.

Scientists were still trying to fully understand what happened and whether those failures would affect the lander's ability to remain on the comet, called 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko. But so far, most of the instruments were working fine and sending back data as hoped, Ulamec said.

"Tomorrow morning we should know a lot more," he said.

The landing team at mission control in Darmstadt had to sweat through a tense seven-hour wait that began when Philae dropped from the agency's Rosetta space probe as both it and the comet hurtled through space at 41,000 mph (66,000 kph).

During the lander's descent, scientists were powerless to do anything but watch, because its vast distance from Earth—more than 300 million miles—made it impossible to send instructions in real time.

Finally, at 16:03 GMT (11:03 a.m. EST), the agency received a signal that the lander had touched down.

While it may take a while to determine the exact state of the 220-pound (100-kilogram) lander, the fact that it was resting on the surface of the comet was already a huge success—the highlight of Rosetta's decade-

long mission to study comets and learn more about the origins of these celestial bodies.

The head of the European Space Agency underlined Europe's pride in having achieved a unique first ahead of its U.S. counterpart, NASA.

"We are the first to have done that, and that will stay forever," said the European agency's director-general, Jean-Jacques Dordain.

NASA contributed three instruments to the mission and its Deep Space Network of giant radio antennas has been key to communicating with Rosetta.

Eight-time spacewalking astronaut John Grunsfeld, now associate administrator for science at NASA, called the landing "a breakthrough moment in the exploration of our solar system and a milestone for international cooperation."

"The data collected by Ro-

setta will provide the scientific community, and the world, with a treasure-trove of data," he said in a statement.

Scientists have likened the trillion or so comets in our solar system to time capsules that are virtually unchanged since the earliest moments of the universe.

"By studying one in enormous detail, we can hope to unlock the puzzle of all of the others," said Mark McCaughrean, a senior scientific adviser to the mission.

The insight gleaned will give researchers the opportunity to test the theory that comets brought organic matter and water to Earth billions of years ago, giving them a key role in the evolution of life on our planet, said Klim Churyumov, one of the two astronomers who discovered the comet in 1969.

KETEBENGANG

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Ketebengang appeared emotionless as judicial assistant Delia Salas Magfina read the verdict at 1:15pm. He also appeared calm as Camacho announced his verdict. Ketebengang, however, burst into tears when Camacho told him he is now a free man. He then hugged his counsel, Colin Thompson.

In deciding the remaining count of disturbing the peace, Camacho ruled that the government did not prove the crime beyond a reasonable doubt.

Camacho said no child should ever be afraid to come forward and report if he or she is being abused but in Ketebengang's case, it is about credibility and that he finds the testimony of the girl, who is now 14 years old, not credible.

Camacho said the girl's testimony in court is inconsistent with all her prior statements. He noted that depending on who the girl talked to, there were three, four, or even six incidents of touching her breast.

Camacho said the girl admitted in court that she lied to her teacher, to the police, and to the prosecutor about the case.

The judge said the mother

testified that the family is strict about her daughter having a boyfriend and that her daughter was told to break up with her boyfriend.

Camacho said the girl admitted that she has had at least two boyfriends, one of whom the mother does not know about.

Camacho said piecing together the testimony of all five witnesses—the girl, the mother, the teacher, the police, and even the defendant—"a clear picture emerges."

The judge said the girl went to school with a love mark on her neck, the teacher questioned her about the hickey, and she was evasive and reluctant to talk about it. The girl was then sent to the school counselor and the questioning continues.

Eventually, Camacho said, pressured by the repeated questioning and suggesting that someone was touching her inappropriately, the girl lied and stated that the defendant touched her breast. She then began to tell more lies to cover up the first lie, and eventually she is unable to keep her stories straight, Camacho said.

The judge noted that during the trial, information came out that the girl also made similar false allegations about her father and that, after an investi-

gation, no charges were ever brought against the father.

Camacho said all four incidents are lies and one particular incident is a physical impossibility: The girl claims that face to face, Ketebengang put her in a bear hug with his left arm and, while spinning her around, used his right hand to touch her right breast.

As demonstrated by defense counsel Thompson during the closing arguments, Camacho said, it is physically impossible to perform such a maneuver.

The judge said that after hearing all the testimony, the case is simple and tragic—the girl has a boyfriend, the family is strict about her having a boyfriend, she got a hickey, and when questioned about the love mark she just named someone—in this case Ketebengang. Before the girl knew it, her attempt to deflect the inquiries about the love mark turned into a full-blown criminal investigation about someone touching her breast, Camacho said.

"We should never dismiss a child's cry for help, especially if it is about sexual abuse. But we must guard against the rush to judgment without proper investigation, especially if it is about sexual abuse," the judge added.

In an interview with reporters

after the hearing, Ketebengang said justice has been served and that he is now a free man.

"My wife is my strength," said Ketebengang shortly after he hugged her and other family members.

When asked why the girl raised such false accusations against him, Ketebengang said that, as he told the court in his testimony, he does not have a clue.

Now the case is over, he said he will continue working as an environmental specialist at the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality.

Thompson said he agrees with Camacho's breakdown of the case as what they had presented to the jury.

"That's the story that emerged from all the witnesses' testimony," Thompson said.

Each four counts of sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison.

The jury trial began on Monday and continued on Wednesday. The jurors started to deliberate on Wednesday afternoon and continued yesterday morning.

Assistant attorney general Clayton Graef prosecuted the case. Assistant attorney general Chester Hinds assisted Graef at the trial.

Juan N. Babauta and former Commonwealth Ports Authority executive director Edward "Tofila" M. Deleon Guerrero for supporting his candidacy.

"I'm really excited and grateful for both of them for giving their support to my candidacy and that goes to their supporters as well. I'm really honored that they decided to help and believe that I'm the better choice."

Inos also said he had nothing to do with Best Sunshine International Ltd.'s release of \$10 million in utility vouchers as part of the Hong Kong-based company's Community Benefit Fund.

"I had nothing to do with the \$10 million in utility vouchers. That's basically between Best Sunshine and the Lottery Commission when they crafted the agreement. I understand that this \$10 million was to be paid within 60 days. It could've been earlier or later."

With regards to the Saipan Chamber of Commerce Gubernatorial Forum tentatively set for Wednesday, Inos said he will have to sit down with his campaign and discuss it with them first before coming up with a final decision.

Inos/Torres will figure in a gubernatorial runoff election with former speaker Heinz S. Hofschneider and former Senate floor leader Ray N. Yumul on Nov. 21. The seven-day advance voting for the runoff starts today.

NEWS BRIEFS**3 Saipan beaches red-flagged**

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged three Saipan beaches—the Tanapag Meeting Hall, Central Repair Shop, and the Puerto Rico Dump—and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

Samples collected from these locations contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the

presence of human and animal waste in the water.

DEQ analyzes water samples collected from Saipan's recreational beaches and storm drainage every Tuesday. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. **(DEQ)**

Workshop on Form W-2CM

This is to advise all em-

ployers that the Division of Revenue and Taxation, Department of Finance will be conducting a workshop for the Annual Wage and Salary Statement, Form (W-2CM)

for tax year 2014 and other 2014 yearend filing requirements. The workshop will be on Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2014. The first seminar will be from 8am to 11am and the second

will be from 1pm to 4pm at the Multi-Purpose Center.

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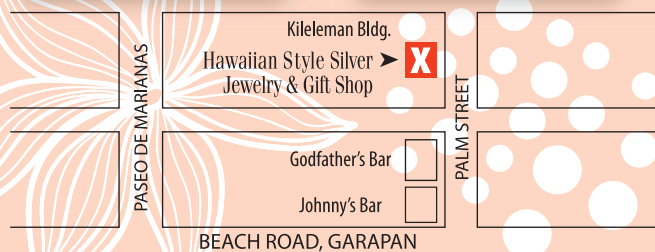
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Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider, center, proclaims November 2014 as CNMI College Month at the Northern Marianas College yesterday. With him are acting NMC president Christopher Timmons, left, and student leader Jolly Ann Cruz.

DENNIS B. CHAN

November is CNMI College Month

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REPORTER

November 2014 was officially proclaimed CNMI College Month with Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider inking the proclamation yesterday at Building D-1 of the Northern Marianas College.

"I recognize the Northern Marianas College...for helping to prepare the people of the CNMI for fulfilling careers and for serving as the engine to drive the economic growth and the social and cultural vitality of the Commonwealth," Hofschneider read before signing the proclamation.

Joining him were acting NMC president Christopher Timmons, director of human resources and NMC's legal counsel, and student leader and environmental advocate Jolly Ann Cruz, president of NMC's Environmental Natural Resource Organization.

Cruz read from the procla-

mation commending NMC for "launching student success," as many of its graduates are now business, government, and community leaders in the CNMI and abroad, the document said.

NMC has a busy college month ahead. Notably they have outreach seminars throughout the last week of the month for the potentially college-bound.

The "Start Smart Seminars" will inform students of the benefits of a college degree, resources to pay for college, and different majors and careers available.

On top of this, NMC graduates will share their college experiences with high schools.

The seminars start Friday next week, Nov. 21, and continue on Nov. 24, and 25. A "Student Success Series Workshop" is also planned on Nov. 25 to help students take advantage of the Nutrition Assistance Program while in college.

Originally set for Oct. 30, the proclamation was pushed to mid-November.

\$52K salary for new AAG approved

Gov. Eloy S. Inos certified and approved the over-the-cap salary of Emily Cohen, assistant attorney general at the Office of the Attorney General, who will now be receiving \$52,000 per annum.

The CNMI Compensation Adjustment Act sets the salary ceiling for government employees at \$50,000. But the law gives the governor the authority to waive the ceiling and submit a certification to the Legislature.

"By copy of this letter, I am also advising the chairman of

the Civil Service Commission of this certification," the governor said in a Nov. 6 letter to Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) and House Speaker Joseph DeLeon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan).

Cohen finished law school at Thomas Jefferson School of Law in May 2012. She is originally from Oak Park, California. Her last work experience was at the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office where she worked as a volunteer prosecutor. *(Mark Rabago)*

A THANK YOU MESSAGE

On behalf of my wife Lisa and our children, I wish to extend a sincere thank you yan un donkulu na si yu'us ma'ase to all who gave me their vote of confidence in Precinct 3 in the last November 4th election. Thanks to my family, friends, supporters, and most especially my committee to elect for their untiring support throughout the campaign. I am most grateful.

Although I did not make it into office, I will always be thankful for the kind words of encouragement and support extended to me and my family. May God bless us all.

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Heinz accepts invite to Chamber forum

Former speaker and independent gubernatorial candidate, Heinz S. Hofschneider, has already accepted the invitation to take part in the Saipan Chamber of Commerce gubernatorial forum next week.

This was confirmed yesterday by Chamber executive director Jill M. Arenovski and on Wednesday by committee-to-elect Heinz S. Hofschneider and Ray N. Yumul chair David Attao.

"The forum would allow our candidates the chance to reach out to those they couldn't get to and explain to them how life and standards of living could be better for everyone if their plans are properly executed. We invite the community to ask questions via the format provided by the Chamber and welcome all to join us," Attao told *Saipan Tribune*.

He added that Hofschneider and Yumul are prepared to chart a different course for the CNMI—one that will put the people first.

"Our candidates have been passionate energetic and ready to lead the CNMI for many years. Their goal has always been to protect our people, our islands, our cultures, and future by instilling good governance practices," Attao said.

Arenovski, for her part, said it was Attao himself who called the Chamber and asked if the organization is indeed organizing a gubernatorial forum. Needless to say, she said the Hofschneider and Yumul confirmed their participation in the event.

With regards to the campaign of incumbent Gov. Eloy S. Inos and his running mate, Senate

President Ralph DLG. Torres, Arenovski said the Chamber hasn't heard anything from the NMI Republican bets as of Thursday afternoon.

"No confirmation yet from the Inos camp and we're still waiting to hear from them."

Local GOP media & public relations chair Ivan A. Blanco said while Inos is eager and willing to take part in the debate, his participation will entirely depend on the governor himself and how his health is coming along. The governor has been confined at the public hospital since last week, reportedly for cough and flu.

If the gubernatorial forum does happen with the confirmation of both runoff bets—Inos and Hofschneider—Arenovski said the Chamber has already reserved the

Marianas High School Gymnasium next Wednesday.

The Gubernatorial Forum starts at 6pm with the gates closed at 6:30pm.

Like the previous Senatorial Forum, the runoff forum will have the moderator pick five random questions from a set of questions submitted days before the event.

Grilled cheese cookoff on Sunday

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The second annual Grilled Cheese Cookoff will happen this Sunday at the Garapan Central Park Round Pavilion in China Town from 4pm to 8pm.

Event coordinator Shelly Scott said that slots for competi-

Each gubernatorial candidate will then be given 3 minutes to give his 2 cents worth on the issue and another minute for rebuttal if needed.

For those who will be missing out on the gubernatorial forum redux, the Chamber said that Flametree TV will be videotaping the proceeding and will air it afterward.

Proceeds from the senatorial and gubernatorial forums will benefit the Chamber's Scholar-

ship Fund and the other Chamber programs that benefit local businesses and the general public.

Inos and Torres topped the election for governor last Nov. 4 with 6,342 votes, while Hofschneider and Yumul finished second with 4,501 votes.

Since Inos/Torres didn't attain more than 50 percent of the vote, a runoff will take place 14 days after the Nov. 7 certification votes. The runoff is set for Nov. 21. *(Mark Rabago)*

tors and tasters are still open.

Scott said the profit collected from the event will go to two non-profit organizations: the CNMI Salvation Army's soup kitchen and Soroptimist International of the NMI. Both organizations support community members in need.

Scott said competitors can still participate but they will have to provide their own ingredients.

Those who want to help support the fundraiser can purchase a taster ticket for \$20 that includes admission, tomato soups, a quarter to vote with, tasting of all sandwiches, and cheesy games.

Competitors will be provided with a table, tablecloths, team name card, hand sanitizer, rubber sanitary gloves, paper towels, voting slips, voting containers, and a crowd of hungry tasters.

Competitors need to bring a large cookie sheet or butcher block, portable gas cooktop, skillet and lid, spatula, apron, cutting board, knife, ingredients for sandwiches, and presentation platter for tasting.

Sandwich categories for this year's event are Purist, Suh-weet, and Whodathunkit.

Those competing under Purist can use bread, butter, and cheese. Under Suh-weet, they can use bread, butter, 50 percent must be cheese, and any add-ins for a sweet and dessert profile. Under Whodathunkit, they can use bread, butter, 50 percent must be cheese, and anything else.

Sponsors for this year are Club C (\$500), The Shack (\$300 total value gift certificate), Hyatt Regency Saipan (\$160 value of water, glasses, and paper products), Hatha Yoga (\$25 gift certificates), and tomato soup from 360 Revolving Restaurant and Shenanigans.

"We are still looking for soda and beer sponsors," Scott said.

Tickets are presale only and must be paid in cash or checks made to CNMI Salvation Army or Soroptimist International of NMI.

For more information, email Scott at shscottcsr@aol.com for rules and registration or contact her at 989-9001.

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From 2011 to 2014, the Commonwealth's only hospital operated at \$5 Million- they had no CT Scan, no equipment, at times no medical supplies or laboratory was suspect, owing to poor management and funding levels of \$5 Million to cover a \$28 Million cut.

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- ✓ Create the Nursing & Allied Medical Scholarship program.
- ✓ Pursue a merger with a US based medical institution to establish a regional medical center.
- ✓ Create sustainable catastrophic coverage for all medical referrals.
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GOP must act on immigration

Before President Barack Obama headed to China this weekend, he sat down one more time with congressional leaders to discuss potential areas of legislative agreement. Not surprisingly, divisions quickly emerged with Republicans—and some of the deepest divisions had to do with immigration reform.

To recap: The president has endorsed a comprehensive immigration reform bill that the Senate passed last year and that many believe could clear the current House with bipartisan support. But the bill doesn't have "majority of the majority" backing by House Republicans that Speaker John A. Boehner, R-Ohio, insists upon. So Boehner has refused to let it come to a vote.

As a result of that standoff, the president pledged this year to use his executive authority to reform the immigration system. There are questions about how much he can do legally without Congressional approval, and there are few indications of what kinds of executive action he's considering. He has said he will act before the end of the year, but whatever he does without congressional authority may last only until the next president takes office. Still, Boehner and other Republican leaders have warned that if Obama acts on his own he will destroy any lingering chance for bipartisanship cooperation with the new Congress, even before its members are sworn in.

It's time to end this disingenuous gamesmanship. House action on immigration reform in the looming lame-duck session would offer Republicans the opportunity to show they are competent—and, dare we say, mature enough?—to lead, and to govern. Despite its flaws, the Senate bill approved last year—which includes a path to citizenship for some immigrants in the country illegally, strengthens border security and adopts employment verification, among other things—moves the nation toward a more reasonable immigration system.

As has often been said by Obama's critics, a great leader finds a way to lead in the face of opposition. But the same must be said of Boehner. If the speaker doesn't want Obama to act unilaterally on immigration reform, his best move would be to bring the Senate measure up for a vote in the House in the coming weeks. Pundits never tire of saying that Obama's presidential legacy will be affected by his last two years in office. But Boehner's reputation is at stake too.

Polls show broad voter support for immigration reform. There is no excuse, other than political calculation, for waiting. The Senate bill expires with the end of this Congress early next year, and it's hard to foresee the new Republican Senate, under incoming Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., crafting anything as rational or comprehensive as the existing bill. It should be approved by the House, and signed into law.

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Achy breaky heart

I am really an oldie. I do not know the Kardashians, though I remember a Robert, one of O. J. Simpson's good friends who, without formally joining the dream team, stayed in the background so that he can hanky-panky without being legally accountable.

I went to school in Kentucky and Texas half of the '60s and the start of the '70s. I did not listen to country music because I grew up worrying just how many Patsy Clines one can sing. I did not know of Billy Ray Cyrus except I recall his name associated with a line dance craze I watched but did not practice. Touted as one of the best in country western, I got versed in Billy Ray's *Achy Breaky Heart*.

The uppity crowd of Washington, D.C. considered the song one of the worst songs ever written. But I was clear America was better off doing line dancing rather than dusting off the Garand or oiling the Enfield rifle, hoarding an M-16 or AK-47, and palming a 9mm Beretta, nursing a grudge on an acquaintance, a classmate, or a neighbor.

I taught at CNMI PSS (I subbed until Ms. Janet of SVES thought my extensive travels were good for Social Studies) bringing a wide range of global teaching experiences reflected in the pedagogical ease, comfort, confidence and composure I manifested in the classroom.

I head in this direction because in the last four years, I was considered a wordsmith to friends who read my ST writings. I also taught Oral English to university students, lectured in macroeconomics to foreign students at Shenyang Aerospace U, tutored students at Shou Wang School, and held English conversations at the bar down the street that grows cannabis in its front pots. I knew a lot of twerps, but I never heard of "twerking" before.

A portmanteau of "twist" and "jerk", twerking is a sexually suggestive way of dancing in the U.S. deep South where getting down "dirty" included those who "twerked" their butt down to and up from the floor. So when Miley Cyrus popularized the style, I realized how far back I had calcified. I did not know Miley Cyrus, and when I was told that she and Justin Bieber twerked in a video, I quietly asked, "Who is Bieber?" (I resided in Prairie Canada in the late '70s but that was before he was a twinkle in his parents' eyes.)

I got straightened out on the boyish Canadian who ludicrously sang "Baby" with deep voiced Ludacris, then got introduced to a scantily clad Miley as a child of Billy Ray Cyrus of *Achy Breaky Heart*. That left me holding the tail end of twerking. Some of my students in China wanted to know what twerking was, or, if they already knew, wanted to know if it was legal in America so they can learn it well and be ready to dance it when they got to Uncle Sam's shores!

Now media tries to paint an "achy breaky heart" scenario for

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Obama after the midterm elections. As midterm elections go, the incumbent did not lose as much compared to recent Presidents during their term. Obama was not on the ballot; many Democrats distanced themselves from the White House rather than deal with the manifest ire of the white male, many of whom were southern Democrats who voted Republican.

Mary Landrieu, Louisiana's lady senator, was the only one who had enough guts to point out the obvious, that whites have problems with the President given his Kenyan and Anglophile pedigree. Surprisingly, the lady was ahead in the actual voting vs. poll count though she may not survive the runoff. But if she does, that will be one "achy breaky heart" for the Republicans I will not mind.

Like Obama, though a Democrat in Hawaii, I am of the Abe Lincoln Republican Party against the likes of George Wallace. Call him names but BHO is one smart dude. White males of both parties have machismo and race problems with the Brit-Kenyan-Hawaiian-Indonesian American and vented it in the polls, a reflex after the fact. Commentators after the last election who analyze the current political situation say that of the waged culture war, the liberals and the progressives won!

Now come the conservative bishops of the Roman Catholic Church who call Francis the Protestant Pope when he opened up church discourse without much reservation or secrecy; the bishops are up in arms over the Vatican's welcoming stance on the LGBT crowd and divorcees.

In Western Alberta this summer, I told a colleague, "I want to be old, to look old, to be listened to for the wisdom of my experience rather than the cosmetology of my skin. I am old, and I love it." Folks obsess at looking young; nothing is more ridiculous than someone trying to fit into tight denims marketed for people more than half their age at three inches less on the girth. Virtual reality is where America's butt lives.

"Achy breaky heart" is probably not the metaphor I'd use to lament the coming of old age—wrinkles on the brow, lines under the eyelashes, spandex battle at the bulge, the debate on the extra sugar in the tea, and tiffs with those who can't handle Francis. I am a real oldie who is a Goldie, though, no longer pliant to twerk!

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Coordinated Universal Lunch Time

Although we're now in the thick of the month, I'm going to look back at Nov. 2. That's the date that many clocks in the mainland had to be reset in order to fall from Daylight time back to Standard time. Europe, by the way, or at least some of Europe (I don't keep track of it) did the same thing in late October. Commonwealth clocks, as you know, aren't changed by this biannual boogie.

If you've ever been asked by someone in the mainland how to jibe their time with Saipan time, you might have needed a few aspirin afterwards. Well, I'm going to dig into the matter today. I'll first offer some blah-blah-blah about the deal, then I'll conclude with my method of fielding this question in 10 seconds instead of in 30 minutes.

The CNMI and Guam fall within Chamorro Standard Time. Yes, that's the designation of our time zone. All year around, Chamorro Standard Time is simply Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) plus 10 hours.

Japan is GMT plus nine hours. Therefore, Saipan is always Japan time plus one hour.

China is GMT plus eight hours. Therefore, Saipan is always China time plus two hours.

Yes, it's that simple. And it stays simple because none of us are messing with Daylight time.

But, of course, as I noted, other places, including most of the U.S. mainland, are moving targets for their GMT offsets, since they shift between Daylight time and Standard time over the course of the year.

Anyway, shifting or not, the most sensible way to juggle time zones is to put everything in terms of one common baseline, and then move from there. By convention, GMT is the baseline. This is standard practice for pilots, mariners, and military members. It's not complicated, and it's probably worth knowing either for its practical aspects or even as a matter of general knowledge. So let's take a closer look.

Wholesale of principle

It isn't surprising the quick rollover of two unsuccessful gubernatorial candidates giving up principle in favor of "principal," whatever the latter may be.

They ran for change but ignored it altogether, selling heart, mind and soul to the highest bidder. Woe! Simply failed twice: didn't spray clean sparkling water on the corrosive economic conditions at home they hoped to improve and decided to become part of the ill wind that threatens to eat away at every indigenous spirit to live freely on these isles.

Juan N. Babauta did his legendary "darn good" disappearing act, replicating what he did four years ago—jumped fence. Remember when he followed impeached former governor Benigno R. Fitial? He's now in Inos' camp, the very administration that axed him from his CHC job recently.

So much for his fully polished superficial demeanor of integrity. I suppose it's perfectly fine for him to sully his dignity, confirming failed leadership against our people when he was at the helm. Like the trail of snails, it shows his forever damaged term against the multitude. Thus the vote against his candidacy. The people simply rejected him for the third time! Pretty darn strange sensation, yeah?

Edward Guerrero also got up with his shirt and left the crowd that followed him through thick and thin. Mind-numbing that as a Democrat he now supports a Republican. But then he's finally shown his true colors—octopus tendencies—shifting shades and hue depending upon conditions.

He was a Democrat, then a Republican, until Nov. 4th a Democrat, today a staunch Republican once more. Woe! In both cases, what happens to the flock they completely abandoned? There's such a thing as mindfulness of the folks who stood by your side through it all. Guerrero's disappearing act is nowhere near one of mindfulness.

Did you forget the old saying that you're only as good as your

First of all, the "G" in "Greenwich Mean Time" refers to Greenwich, England. This is part of the London metropolitan area, and it's where the Royal Observatory is situated.

This Royal Observatory is a quite the famous landmark. It's also where the Prime Meridian is, which is to say, the line of zero degrees longitude. Navigators all over the earth measure how far east they are, or how far west they are, by reference to this line. Saipan, for example, is about 146 degrees east of it.

These two Greenwich realms, longitude and time, come together because of this fact: In the 18th century, when the British were a mighty sea power, they sought an accurate sea-going clock to facilitate calculating longitude. Solving the "longitude problem" was a big deal back then. The British succeeded, and their Royal Observatory became the time and longitudinal benchmark for the entire world. Hey, they had to put it somewhere, so why not keep it at home?

You will be relieved to note that GMT does not bounce back and forth between Daylight and Standard times. Can you imagine the chaos such a situation would cause? But here's some wacky trivia: Since Greenwich itself observes Daylight time, there are spans of the year when clocks in Greenwich are not on GMT.

Because of the way time zones were arranged, some old timers (including my pals and I) call GMT "Zulu" time because Zulu is the phonetic alphabet designation for "Z," which was the label for that particular time zone.

Modern times have added another semantic twist, which is "UTC" for Coordinated Universal Time. This is based on atomic time, which might be a big deal for scientists, but for the rest of us, "GMT," "Zulu," and "UTC" are essentially interchangeable.

As for time zones, I don't know how the entire world looked at things, but as the U.S. railroads pushed westward, American travel was getting fast enough and going far enough to justify some at-

word?—*finu` lahe*—showing integrity with real coconuts? *Ahe`, ti nagao na niyok este*, okay?

So the two rejects have decided to participate in the sale of our indigenous people for 40 silvers! It's an inglorious ending to political careers sailing permanently into the sunset.

It's a perfect view of their lack of understanding and clarity what entails leadership. Both had "followership" as their strength, nothing else! Which reminds me of Napoleon's description of wrongful political warfare: "In politics, stupidity is not a handicap."

Of unrelenting greed

Appalling the obvious reckless disregard of the governor's health. The architects of greed are tiptoeing through his illness ready to yank the top post if he expires. Woe!

But everybody's in denial, including Inos' inner circle. Such denial is to keep the public in the dark, hoping we're convinced Inos is still healthy to govern. Gee! Why the persistent lies? Isn't this factually a negative scheme against "we the people?"

One admires Best Sunshine's and the GOP's donation of \$635 to CUC customers a day before the election. Do these people understand that we still have our indigenous dignity? Nice shot at condescension!

Our freedom

The runoff is about deciding to latch onto our rights as indigenous people to declare, "We are free" by rejecting the fatal and silent message "You are slaves" from the casino cabal. Let's teach this morally bankrupt administration that we treasure our "freedom."

Let's join hands and celebrate with joy the factual reality that each of us is born with inalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness by embracing the idea to peacefully topple the modern era's most powerful tyrant—Casino Boys—and all its loyal cronies!

and not Heinz and Ray! Get your scare tactics straight. After his endorsement, Fitial left for the Philippines to hide out in his mansion, leaving us here to suffer for all the criminal acts that he, Rose Mondala using Aging Center and federal monies to procure food for the Let it BE campaign!

Inos again was reported to be at CHC, admitted for a simple cough. Wow, can you imagine if everyone on island was given that kind of special privilege to be admitted just for a simple cough! A simple cough that didn't release him to honor all veterans who died for freedom and served proudly in our nation's defense.

I'd be willing to bet that the Inos cannot perform simple physical task like walking for five minutes or doing jumping jacks. We need to have full disclosure and not from self-proclaimed Dr. Ivan Blanco.

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tention. So in 1883 the U.S. divided itself into several formally-defined time zones.

Since there are 360 degrees in a circle and 24 hours in a day, if you slice the world into 1-hour wide increments you wind up with slices that are 15 degrees wide. This would be the "natural" width of a time zone, but, since time zones are statutory creatures specified by people, not by nature, various laws in various nations slice things up in various ways.

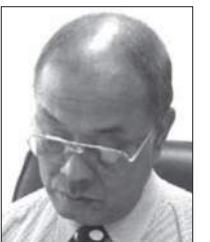
Still, we can test fly the math, and, for us, it works tolerably well. You'll recall that Saipan is 146 degrees east of Greenwich. If we divide this by 15 degrees, we get about 10. Hey, 10 is the number of hours we're offset from GMT. Pretty slick, eh? So for a basic sanity check of the rough numbers, we're clean.

Anyway, boiling things down to the most practical level, when I'm asked how to reckon Saipan's time, I say that it's GMT plus 10 hours. If this doesn't do the trick, I'll helpfully offer that Saipan is also Tokyo time plus one hour. And if that doesn't do the trick, I have learned, from long and hard experience, that the situation will be hopeless, so I cut my losses and head out for a hamburger. After all, the most important time is lunch time.

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Watching our neighbors

I'd page through the *Wall Street Journal* (Asian edition) to see how China's reforms have come along amidst shifts in the conduct of business wrought by information technology. She's done superbly well, though in terms of firepower at sea with nuclear-powered submarines strategically situated around the globe.

Troubling what happens when real war in this area breaks out. But this fear is quelled by the thought that her economic relations with our country should normalize geopolitical misgivings. How does it survive if she can't move her products to the west?

But what if the two economic giants see a slide in their annual productivity or investments? It instantly translates into business folks guarding their income and staying closer to home. It means our tourism industry would be adversely affected in terms of number of visitors from both China and Japan. It makes sense reading what's coming down the pike before we are caught in a tsunami of ignorance.

As the self-appointed armchair investments boss of Asia and the Pacific, I'd salivate at opportunities headed to countries like Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Australia, New Zealand and the Philippines moving out of Japan and China or two economic giants. What do they have that we don't?

It's everything within the realm of conventional and non-conventional definition of basic infrastructure. For instance, we wanted casino. The most vital "infrastructure" other than the conventional water, power and sewer is local wealthy people to support the industry when visitors from without take a decline. Making sense? Do we have this infrastructure or is it only a pipe dream?

Moreover, a good percentage of their people are highly educated. So it has the professional wherewithal (brilliant ones at the apex) to move things beyond the political realm. What percentage of the local population here is college-educated or products of highly respected secondary technical schools? Do you hear what I hear and are we on the same page on this issue?

Let's reboot and start and stay focused on the education of our people! It's the only sure ticket to success. Without an educated cadre of people at the top, middle and civic-minded broad base folks in the community, we'd be singing *White Christmas* when everything around us is green.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR






Where is Gov. Inos?

For the better part of the campaign, the governor has been silent except for his telephone message from a hospital in the Philippines to the supporters at the GOP rally. Immediately after his return he is again seen at the IT headquarters and briefly on election night. Some reporters who actually saw the governor upon his return were mum, wondering why is Inos even running if his health is affecting him. I'll tell you why—greed!

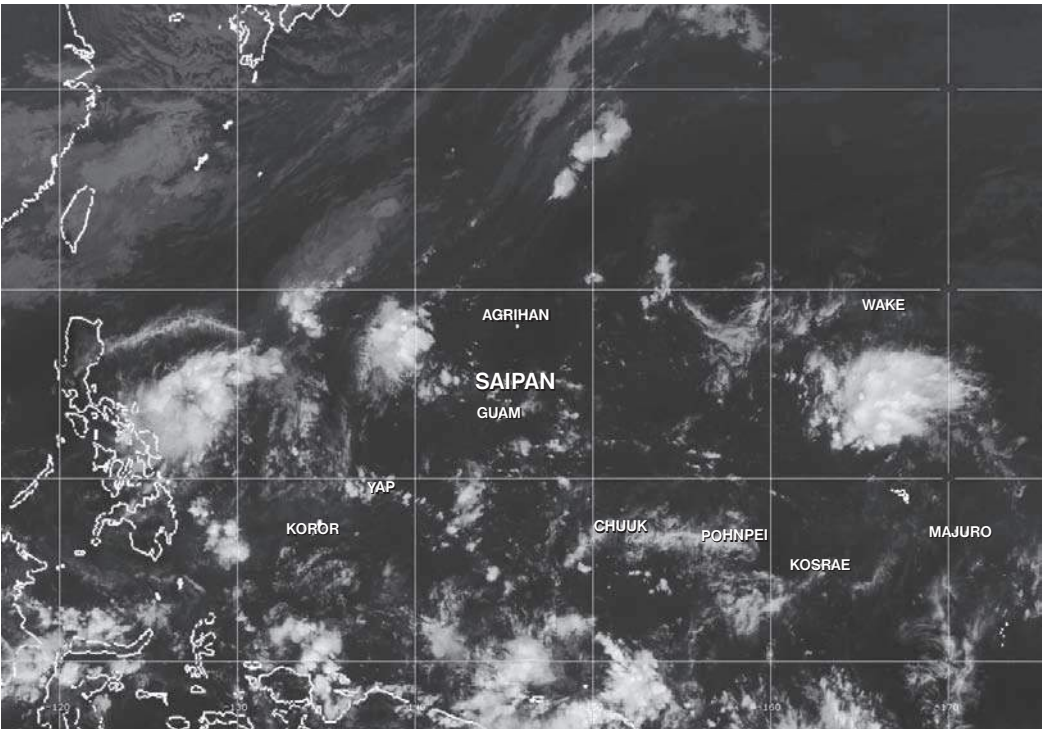
In the recent endorsements for Inos/Torres, former disgraced governor Benigno Fitial held a meeting at his residence to ask support for Inos/Torres. Why did he want to endorse Inos? Because he was afraid that if Heinz won, all corruption cases including his will be pursued. Hello, disgraced governor Fitial, it's Ed Manibusan's job

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2014
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough extends southeastward through 130E at 8N to a weak circulation south of Koror centered at 4N134E through another weak circulation centered at 1N149E to end southeast of Chuuk at EQ155E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are present south of Koror between the equator and 3N from 132E to 136E and south of Guam and Chuuk between the equator and 3N from 141E to 143E within 50 miles of a line from EQ146E to 3N149E and east of Yap between 7N and 9N from 142E to 144E. Convergent east and northeast winds are triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms west of the Marianas within 150 miles of a line running from 16N130E to 24N138E and between 16N and 19N from 137E to 141E. An upper-level trough curves southwestward from 24N158E through an upper-level low centered at 17N155E to end near 6N152E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are seen north of Pohnpei and Chuuk within 40 miles of a line from 19N153E to 23N154E and Between 12N and 17N from 162E171E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲85	▼79
Palau	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼78
Yap	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼80
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼78
Pohnpei	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼78
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼78
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼80

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Windy	▲63	▼56
Beijing	Sunny	▲50	▼29
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲73	▼68
Honolulu	Showers	▲83	▼72
London	Cloudy	▲55	▼53
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	▲70	▼58
Manila	Thundershowers	▲87	▼75
Melbourne	Cloudy	▲67	▼53
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲80	▼66
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲51	▼37
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	▲56	▼45
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲57	▼49
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲56	▼40
Rome	Rain	▲66	▼49
Salem	Rain	▲41	▼37
San Francisco	Showers	▲64	▼55
Seoul	Sunny	▲51	▼27
Tokyo	Sunny	▲60	▼45
Washington, DC	Mostly Cloudy	▲49	▼34



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6:38 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
1:58 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet
8:16 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.0 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
Today	6:18 AM	5:44 PM
Saturday	6:19 AM	5:44 PM
Sunday	6:19 AM	5:44 PM
Monday	6:19 AM	5:44 PM
Tuesday	6:20 AM	5:44 PM

Moonrise/Moonset		
Today		12:04 PM
Saturday	12:02 AM	12:44 PM
Sunday	12:49 AM	1:22 PM
Monday	1:36 AM	2:01 PM
Tuesday	2:23 AM	2:40 PM

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DEPARTURES			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)			
UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:20pm	4:00pm	6, 7 via Rota
UA5078	3:10pm	4:00pm	1, 5
UA5038	3:10pm	4:00pm	2, 4
UA5040	6:55pm	7:45pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:40pm	11:30pm	1, 5
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)			
UA5039	2:20pm	2:55pm	6, 7
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)			
UA5039	3:25pm	4:00pm	6, 7
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)			
DL287	6:05am	1:05am+1	2, 6 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			
DL287	6:05am	8:40am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:20pm	7:05pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			
OZ606	2:10am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:40am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ604	3:20pm	7:10pm	Daily
7C 3401	4:30pm	8:20pm	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)			
MU764A	1:30am	5:30am	4, 7
MU764	1:30am	5:30am	1, 5
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)			
3U8646	4:30am	7:30am	2, 6
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			
OZ606/701	2:10am	11:15am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:40am	11:15am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5069/PR111	2:45am	4:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/191	4:15am	7:20am	2, 7 via GUM
UA5070/191	4:15am	9:00am	3, 6 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
DL287/473	6:05am	9:50pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT
UA5071/PR111	6:40am	4:50pm	3 via GUM
UA5071/PR111	7:15am	4:50pm	1, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:50pm	3 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:40am	9:30pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:40am	9:50pm	1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5039/183	2:20pm	9:50pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA5038/183	3:10pm	9:30pm	2 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:10pm	9:30pm	5 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:10pm	9:50pm	1 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:10pm	9:50pm	4 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:20pm	11:50pm	Daily via ICN

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)			
OZ606/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/723	2:10am	12:50pm	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:40am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ606/723	2:40am	12:50pm	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/179	4:15am	10:35pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:00am	10:35pm	3 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:40am	10:35pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM
UA5039/179	2:20pm	10:35pm	6 via Rota-GUM
UA5078/179	3:10pm	10:35pm	1, 5 via GUM
OZ604/749	3:20pm	10:30pm	Daily via ICN

ARRIVALS			
GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	1:00pm	1:50pm	6, 7
UA5038	1:10pm	2:40pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5077	1:50pm	2:40pm	1, 5
UA5041	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 5
UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5043	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5
GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA5038	1:10pm	1:45pm	2, 4
ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA5038	2:05pm	2:40pm	2, 4
PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN			
DL298	4:30am	3:00pm	3, 7 via NRT
NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7
SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ603	9:00am	2:20pm	Daily
7C 3402	10:10am	3:30pm	Daily
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ607	9:00pm	1:50am+1	3, 6
SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8647	10:30pm	5:50am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU763A	4:30pm	12:30am+1	3, 6
MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	4, 7
GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8645	7:55pm	3:10am+1	1, 5
MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ704/603	12:10am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
PR110/UA5041	7:35am	6:25pm	1, 5 via GUM
PR110/UA5077	7:35am	8:05pm	3, 6, 7 via GUM
PR110/UA5043	7:35am	10:10pm	1, 5 via GUM
DL172/288	9:40am	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	2, 7 via GUM
UA190/5077	10:00am	8:05pm	3, 6 via GUM
OZ702/605	12:30pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
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UA184/5071	10:55pm	7:30am+1	3 via GUM
UA184/5071	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5039	10:55pm	1:50pm+1	6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5038	10:55pm	2:40pm+1	4 via GUM-Rota
UA184/5077	10:55pm	2:40pm+1	1 via GUM
UA184/5041	10:55pm	6:25pm+1	1 via GUM
UA184/5077	10:55pm	8:05pm+1	3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5043	10:55pm	10:10pm+1	1 via GUM
UA184/5071	10:59pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
UA184/5038	10:59pm	2:40pm+1	2 via GUM-Rota
UA184/5077	10:59pm	2:40pm+1	5 via GUM
UA184/5041	10:59pm	6:25pm+1	5 via GUM
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UA184/5043	10:59pm	10:10pm+1	5 via GUM

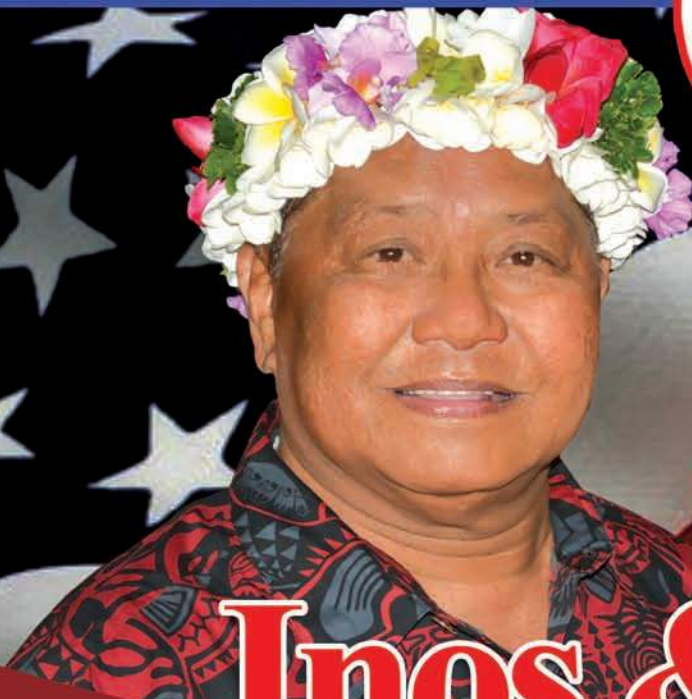
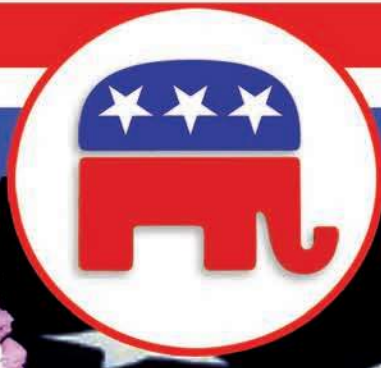
HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ750/603	1:10am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ722/605	1:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ724/605	2:20pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:15pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ724/605	2:20pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA180/5071	10:55pm	7:30am+1	3 via GUM
UA180/5071	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 5, 6 via GUM
UA180/5039	10:55pm	1:50pm+1	6 via GUM
UA180/5077	10:55pm	2:40pm+1	1, 5 via GUM-Rota
UA180/5041	10:55pm	6:25pm+1	1, 5 via GUM
UA180/5077	10:55pm	8:05pm+1	3, 6 via GUM
UA180/5043	10:55pm	10:10pm+1	1, 5 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju AirETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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7:00AM	7:15AM	Mon, Tue,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily	7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
			8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily			
7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily	4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily			
9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily			
10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily	12:00NN	12:15NN	Daily			
11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily			
12:30NN	12:45NN	Daily	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily			
1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily			
2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily			
3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily			
4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily			
5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily						
6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily						

ROTA TO SAIPAN		
DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Buying a new pair of jeans

I remember a wise man once saying, "Always try on a new pair of jeans before actually purchasing it." I'm not one that often writes letters to the editor for the sole reason that no matter how we express our own opinions, someone always seems to come out and antagonize the whole fundamental premise behind such expressed thought. With that as my disclaimer, doesn't anyone find it interesting that people always look at the numerical figure of the vote difference and try to make sense of why people voted the way they did? Spin doctors, if you will. Anyone remember the saying, "the glass is half full," rather than the pes-

simistic version in which some choose to believe, "the glass is half empty." As such a saying hints at all situations are based on one's individual perspective.

After we filter out what was said on both sides of the aisle, I offer my assumptions on the array of comments that came out as a direct result of spinning. Basically, by coming out and attacking the whole Best Sunshine voucher release date and questioning the timing of its release, one camp seems to be questioning the voting population's ability at discerning facts and overall ability to think critically. My question is, why use such as an excuse when it really makes that particular camp

look like a child throwing a tantrum after not getting what they wanted? Didn't you oppose Best Sunshine's existence here to begin with? So why is the voucher a concern for you now? Obviously you are willing to take it now as you are using the disbursement as one of the reasons the Inos-Torres tandem received such high marks. We the people of this community are looking for any means to breathe a slight sigh of relief from the harsh realities brought on by being so far away from the contiguous United States and not by this administration as online bloggers will try to have you believe. Being so far away

from Uncle Sam requires us to often look for ways to help ourselves economically. Am I a bad person for availing of the voucher? Call me an opportunist but I'd rather consider myself a survivalist.

I am a diabetic. It wasn't by choice. I also know that one day I'll probably be receiving hemodialysis as well. Being a former staunch supporter of Heinz Hofschneider, I know for a fact that he is not the individual pushing the attack on Gov. Eloy Inos' condition as he too knows firsthand the hardships of what a patient faces. I also believe that Heinz would not approve of such knowing from experience, so I believe it is solely at the supporter level. I know Heinz knows that I am a capable individual aside from

being a diabetic. I believe in my heart Heinz remembers my aunt (Mama Angie) who sat listening to him speak at my house during the 2005 elections who voted twice for him in two consecutive elections. For those unable to compute, that is a span of eight years. She lasted a total of 12 years undergoing dialysis treatment. If she could last, then why does everyone doubt Eloy Songao Inos who's fairly new at this? I'm appalled at the fact we would stoop so low and bombard a person based on their ailment. *Ti che'chu kili-syanu esta esti.*

I now pose the question for all your readers. We've seen Eloy's leadership this past year. He has faced many obstacles along the way, even while receiving treatment. He and his staff have overcome many obstacles in which we are now seeing such results. Although some of the stuff they faced didn't pan out perfectly, the results served our community. Now we are going to go and buy the new pair of jeans on the shelf when we've already tried on our jeans that fit comfortably. I believe that is the fundamental reason the vote spread was that wide. People know what they're getting rather than rolling the dice anew.

Ross Hugh Manglona
via email

A tribute to a friend: Jesus Taitano Aldan

A father who takes care of his family.

A true friend who is there when you are down.

A fisherman who knows the way of the ocean.

A Chamorro warrior and an American who will defend our freedom.

A karaoke singer that will rock you out of your feet.

An advocate of Protect Pagan
A community leader who help those in needs

You, like your brother Dave, are true friends.

You left us quietly.
You came into our life and brought hope and smiles during trying times.


You wanted to talk to me about our political journey.

You did not wait to see the result.

May your spirit guide us in our quest for a better Commonwealth.

Farewell my friend as you sail your Chamorro *proa* to the kingdom of God.

Jack Villagomez
Chalan Kiya, Saipan




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The Retirees pension payments are not guaranteed.
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AND

Retiree pension payments are not guaranteed as IT claims.

In a statement on October 13, 2014, the Retirement Fund Administrator attempted to clarify confusion about whether retirement fund payments would continue beyond 2014 by saying retirement fund payments will depend on continued funding from the government.

The Fund Administrator noted that year 5, 2018 is a problem because that year's license fee was advanced to 2014, this election year. IT uses its regulatory authority to manipulate the outcome of this election. Is this how the Commonwealth will conduct elections from

now on? Will government officials be permitted to bend regulations to influence the outcome of elections? Will it stop there?

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The Settlement Fund said,

Pangelinan, in an email on Friday, said payment after 2014 will depend on 1) Continuous payment of the \$15 million annual exclusive license fee by the Saipan casino licensee; 2) appropriation of funds by the senatorial districts; 3) identification of \$15 million funding for year 5 because this amount was paid in 2014; and 4) contributions from the CNMI government.

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Kumoi and supporters endorse HY team

Former senator and Cabinet member Ramon S. "Kumoi" DLGuerrero, another key supporter of the Juan N. Babauta and Juan S. Torres gubernatorial challengers, gathered supporters, family and friends together at Guerrero's residence to express anger over the defection of Babauta and Torres team to Inos/Torres and to formally endorse the Hofschneider/Yumul team.

"The Babauta-Torres team did not have the courtesy to inform us of their decision. They jumped because it was good for them," said Guerrero. "Not even a 'thank you' after all we've done for his campaign."

Guerrero, speaking in front of a crowd of former Babauta-Torres supporters, family and friends, said: "As a group we

decided that we must work together to support the Hofschneider-Yumul team."

"That \$635," Guerrero said, "take it but vote the way you think you should. And if Gov. Inos really wanted to help the people, he could have issued an executive order to lower the rates because he controls all aspects of the CUC by emergency declaration."

Guerrero expressed concern, too, over the 40-year casino license saying, "It was too fast and there is too little for the people. Forty years from now, most of us will not be here and it is important that we get this right for our children and grandchildren."

Heinz S. Hofschneider, who was in attendance at the function said, "I'm here tonight not



only with a happy heart, but a humbled heart. I know all of you have worked hard already on behalf of the BT team and

thank you all for continuing your campaign for change, not on behalf of Ray and I, but the Commonwealth." (PR)

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Former senator and Cabinet member Ramon S. "Kumoi" DLGuerrero, together with supporters, family and friends, endorse the gubernatorial candidacy of Heinz S. Hofschneider and his running mate, Ray Yumul.

Juan I. Tenorio joins HY campaign

Babauta/Torres supporter Juan I. Tenorio has thrown his political support firmly behind the Heinz and Ray runoff campaign. Tenorio, a former Cabinet official under governor Juan N. Babauta's administration, said he joins many other Babauta-Torres supporters in breaking away from Babauta's and Juan S. Torres' endorsement of the incumbent Inos-Torres team.

"Most of us [the former BT supporters] remain loyal to the compelling reasons for change," said Tenorio. "We are uniting behind the indepen-

dent Heinz and Ray gubernatorial campaign, as this campaign represents the best hope for all disaffected and disenfranchised island residents who remain dissatisfied with the status quo."

Tenorio said he is speaking out because he is "not afraid of IT" and wants to encourage other voters to "forget about IT" in the runoff.

Tenorio said the current administration has been in power for way too long, and that they will continue to exclude the majority from enjoying the benefits of security that they

and their followers have enjoyed for 10 years now.

"As a democracy, it's unhealthy for a political group, whether they call themselves 'Covenant Party members' one year or 'Republicans' the next, to be in power too long," said Tenorio.

He also expressed concern about the growing lack of diversity in the investment community. "We have lived side by side with many investors from many places and I worry about losing the diversity that has characterized our economy so far."

"It is dangerous," said Tenorio, "to allow one group to dominate our economy and intrude

into our political processes in the way that is happening now."

"Powerful people grow too arrogant, take the people for granted and become too entrenched; it's 'HY' time to restore a functional sense of balance in our democracy, because too many other people have suffered for too long."

"We have all heard the old saying about how power corrupts," said Tenorio. "It's 'HY' time to take some of that power back and restore it to the people through Heinz and Ray's new administration for more accountable, and more independent and transparent government." (PR)

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1st Saipan Dagu Festival



Photo shows *ubi* or purple yam.

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The Saipan Sabalu Market Association is inviting local *dagu* (yam) growers to compete in the First Saipan Dagu Festival that will be held at the 4-H Club Building in Susupe on Dec. 13, 2014, from 9am to 1pm.

Local yam growers will show their best produce in two competitions: a display of white and red yam (finger type and regular) and a cooking competition (desserts, yam kadu, boiled [saibuk]).

A side program with exhibits from NMC-CREES, DLNR, and others is in the plans.

Registration for the competitions is free; prices will be announced. To register, contact JM Guerrero (Saipan Plant Center, Inc.) at 234-6959; DLNR at 322-9834; or Michael Ogo at NMC-CREES at 237-6847. Registration deadline is Dec. 11, 2014, at 12pm. (*Saipan Sabalu Market Association*)

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Marfega is an accounting graduate from Aquinas University in the Philippines.

Norma Marfega, owner of Marfega Trading Company, Inc., which does business as Islander Rent-A-Car is joined by her employees to celebrate 30 years of doing business in the CNMI.

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Islander Rent-a-Car celebrates 30 years

Islander Rent-A-Car celebrates their 30th anniversary today. Since the company's humble beginnings on Saipan, Islander Rent-A-Car now offers an extensive line of Toyota sedans, SUVs, and minivans on Tinian, Rota, and Guam as well.

Marfega Trading Company, Inc. began doing business as Islander Rent-A-Car in 1984. They have maintained the professional, prompt, and friendly service throughout the 10 locations they have on these beautiful islands. Five branches are on Saipan; three are on Tinian, and one each is on Rota and Guam.

Christmas in the Marianas this Dec.

The Marianas Visitors Authority, PDM Promoters, Inc. and other travel partners will celebrate "Christmas in the Marianas" on consecutive Saturdays in December, offering weekly holiday entertainment for visitors and residents, alike.

"As December is one of the busiest months for visitor arrivals, we are again going to spread out the holiday celebration throughout the month," said MVA Community Projects manager Martin Duenas. "We hope the community will make 'Christmas in the Marianas' part of their weekend plans in December, as we share the holiday spirit with our visitors."

The celebration will kick off on Dec. 6 with the annual schoolwide Christmas Tree Decoration Competition at Paseo de Marianas in downtown Garapan. The trees, decorated with recyclable material, will remain on display at the pedestrian mall on Saipan's main tourist

district throughout the month. On Dec. 13, students will sing their hearts out at the annual Christmas Caroling Competition on-stage at Paseo de Marianas. On Dec. 20, the Christmas Parade and Float and Costume Competition will be held.

She says, "My family and I have worked almost 24 hours a day to be where we are now."

Under Marfega's tutelage, the company has grown into other fields of business as well. The company, on top of their top-notch rent-a-car service, also does business as ASKS Fashion & Salon, Islander Mini-Mart, and eCenter, an ink refilling and computer service store.

Marfega Trading Company

Students from several public and private schools are already getting into the holiday spirit with plans to participate: Garapan Elementary School, Golden Harvest International School, Grace Christian Academy, Green Meadow School, GTC Elementary School, Kagman Elementary School, Koblerville Elementary School, Oleai Elementary School, Northern Marianas International School, San Vicente Elementary School, WSR Elementary School, Cha Cha Ocean View Middle School, San Antonio Middle School, Tanapag Middle School, Kagman High School, and Saipan Southern High School. (MVA)

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Brilliant Star to host 10th Holiday Bazaar on Dec. 7

The 10th Annual Holiday Bazaar, organized by Brilliant Star School, will be held Sunday, Dec. 7, from 9am to 5pm at the Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan in Garapan. The event is an opportunity for artists and other vendors to showcase their arts, and for island residents and visitors

to get an early start on buying unique and beautiful gifts for the holidays. The daylong event is also graced by performances throughout the day by various community cultural and arts groups, as well as raffles with prizes generously donated by community businesses.

"We're looking forward to another year of showcasing our island's arts, crafts and gifts. We still have a couple of tables available for any interested artists or vendors," said Antonina Banes, one of the event organizers. Interested vendors may contact the school at 323-STAR (323-7827).

In the past, shoppers have commented on the convenience and comfort of finding such a variety of island gifts in a single place ahead of the holidays. The Holiday Bazaar has been likened to a mini Flame Tree Arts Festival with shaded sea breezes.

For parents who would like to have a little alone shopping time, the event features an arts and crafts area for children. We will watch your child and help

them with an art project while you do your holiday shopping.

Throughout the day there will be entertainment from local performers and raffles. Raffle prizes have been donated through the generosity of various island businesses and vendors.

"Every year we look forward to host this event at the Fiesta Resort," said Richard Sikkell, principal of Brilliant Start School. "We expect a vibrant crowd from our school and is-

land community because this event provides quality shopping and gets us all in the holiday spirit."

Fiesta Resort lunches, snacks and drinks will be available for purchase at this all-day event.

"We look forward to welcoming the community, once again, to this wonderful event which opens the holiday season on Saipan," said Sikkell. "We would like to extend our warmest invitation to the community and visitors to our fun-filled holiday event." (*Brilliant Star School*)

DCCA-CCDF Early Childhood Trainer Registry

Are you an individual or organization that loves to work with adults to enhance their knowledge and skills in the care of young children? Are you passionate about sharing your expertise with others? If so, come and be a part of the DCCA-CCDF Early Childhood Trainer Registry.

The DCCA Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Program is looking for individuals or organizations who can provide trainings and technical assistance to day care providers, teachers, staff, and parents. If you are interested you may pick up an application packet at the DCCA CCDF Program Office Bldg. No. 1347 Ascension CT. Capitol Hill Saipan. Application packets maybe picked up beginning Oct. 15, 2014.

For inquiries regarding this registry please e-mail Maribel Loste, CCDF Administrator at ccdf.maribelloste@gmail.com. Phone inquiries will not be entertained.

Share your knowledge and skills and make a difference in the early childhood field!

Approved for distribution:
/s/ **Laura T. Ogumoro, DCCA Secretary**
Date: 09/10/14

Free services at NMC's Cash for College tomorrow

The Northern Marianas College is reminding students and members of the community about the free "Cash for College" workshop that will be held tomorrow, Nov. 15, 2014. The event aims to assist students and their parents maximize scholarship opportunities that are available to students seeking to obtain a college education.

The free workshop will be held at all NMC campuses on Saipan (Building A at the As Terlaje campus), Tinian, and Rota. The workshop will be an ongoing session, so participants can stop by anytime between 9am and 3pm.

At the workshops, participants will be provided with personal, step-by-step assistance in completing college financial aid

forms, focusing especially on forms for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, CNMI Scholarship, Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance, and the TEACH Grant. Workshop participants can also have their financial aid documents notarized and photocopied, all without any charges or fees.

Staff members from the college's Office of Admissions and Records will also be present to provide information and assistance with the NMC admission application process.

In addition, those who participate in the workshop will qualify to have their NMC application fee and placement test fees waived for the upcoming spring 2015 semester. This waiver represents a savings of up to \$75.

Although not required, it is recommended that workshop participants bring a valid form of identification (e.g., a valid passport, birth certificate, or green card), three official transcripts, signed 2013 1040 tax form (2013 W-2 statements if you and/or your parents did not or will not file taxes), and/or proof of CNMI residency for 2012 and 2013 (for example, CNMI 1040 tax form, employment verification from your employer, official transcripts, voters certification, etc.).

For additional information, contact the NMC Financial Aid Office at (670) 237-6792 or email daisy.propst@marianas.edu, or visit www.marianas.edu. (*NMC*)

Navy, GovGuam seek traditional healers, practitioners for safe collection of plants

ASAN, Guam—Naval Facilities Engineering Command Marianas, the Guam State Historic Preservation Officer, and the Department of Chamorro Affairs are seeking traditional natural healers and other knowledgeable herbal practitioners/artisans interested in collecting plants on federal property prior to vegetation-clearing associated with future

military relocation construction projects.

This effort is in partial fulfillment of the Department of the Navy's commitments under the 2011 Programmatic Agreement for the Guam and Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Military Relocation.

Interested parties are invited to a public meeting Nov. 21, from 9am to 11am, at the Department of Chamorro Affairs office in Hagåtña, located on the first floor, Terlaje Professional Bldg. 294 Hernan Cortez St., across from the Guam Legislature.

Topics for discussion include required safety training for escorted access to military

installation areas that may have World War II-era unexploded ordnance and information required for interested members of the public to participate in this program. A participant list will be established during the meeting and will be updated for future notifications.

A follow-on meeting will include discussions of SHPO's proposed fiscal year 2015 Historic Preservation Fund grant projects and Guam's upcoming Historic Preservation Plan update.

For more information about HPF-funded projects, contact the Guam Historic Resources Division at 671-475-6294/5. (*PR*)

UOG publishes Pacific Asia Inquiry Vol. 5

Volume 5 of the University of Guam's Humanities and Social Science peer reviewed journal, *Pacific Asia Inquiry: Multidisciplinary Perspectives*, has been published and is now available on the UOG website at www.uog.edu/pai.

Edited by Nicholas J. Goetzfridt, this volume includes historical perspectives on U.S. Naval rule on Guam, Chamorro "adaptive resistance" on Guam through indigenous roles as mayors and other officers during the Spanish administration of the island, and a detailed, illustrated survey and analysis of the Spanish network of lookout points for galleons and other ships approaching Guam.

Also included are papers on the historical and contemporary

heritage of Filipino identities on Guam and the traditions and practices of the Yo'ámte healing practitioner. Studies on the South Pacific based short stories of Louis Becke and the conflicting dynamics between Japanese travel Journalist Kanetaka Kaoru's impressions of native women of Fiji and Papua New Guinea and indigenous realities conclude the volume. Several book reviews are also included. Papers are preceded by a note/essay by Dr. Goetzfridt titled "Imperative Thoughts."

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, through its Chairwoman of the Board, is hereby giving notice that the Regular Meeting of the Board scheduled on Thursday, November 20, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the NMHC's Conference Room, Garapan, Saipan. The public is welcome to submit written or oral comments regarding the agenda below. Individuals interested in attending the meeting and needing special accommodations are requested to contact NMHC in advance.

- I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Roll Call
 - c. Adoption of Agenda
 - d. Adoption of Minutes
 - September 25, 2014 Special Board Meeting Minutes
 - October 2, 2014 Special Board Meeting Minutes
- II. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- III. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Division Reports
 - b. HOME Loans for Review and Approval
 - c. Draft Annual Report (2013)
 - d. LIHTC – Return and Reallocation
 - e. Garapan Annex
 - f. Personnel Matters
 - g. Staff Training
- IV. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Mortgage Credit Division
 - i. HOME Policies and Procedures
 - ii. Settlement Proposal
- V. LEGAL COUNSEL'S PENDING/ONGOING REPORT
- VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION
- VII. OTHER MATTERS
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT

(Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a) (7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session.)

/s/ **MARCIE M. TOMOKANE**
Chairwoman of the Board



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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES

TINIAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT UTILITY UPGRADE FOR ARFF VEHICLE RAPID REFILL (WATERLINE RELOCATION) PROJECT Project No. CPA-TA-001-14

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested firms to perform construction management (CM) services for the Tinian International Airport Utility Upgrade for ARFF Vehicle Rapid Refill (Waterline Relocation) Project, No. CPA-TA-001-14, Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project is being funded by the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). This project is in accordance with CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations and procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 40-50-202 Architect-Engineer Design and Construction Management Services.

The Scope of Work (SOW) includes development of documentation for National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) compliance, constructability review, completion of design to 100% and overall construction management services. Details are available at CPA's Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the arrival terminal. No fee is required for obtaining the proposal package. Questions regarding this request for qualification (RFQ) statements must be submitted to Ms. Wendi L. Praier, CPA Executive Assistant, at (670) 237-6500, faxed to (670) 234-5962 and/or emailed to wpraier@cpa.gov.mp by no later than Friday, November 14, 2014, 4:30 p.m., local time.

At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Overall CM experience in the Pacific area and especially in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands – 25 points;
2. CM experience related to projects funded in whole or in part by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) – 25 points;
3. Level of proficiency in performing CM services promptly, and level of experience with the FAA regulations and requirements and AIP grants – 15 points;
4. Experience with National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) compliance and preparation of documentation including environmental assessments, environmental impact statements and categorical exclusions – 15 points;
5. The general reputation of the firm in terms of quality of CM work experience and services performed for AIP projects, and the firm's professional integrity and competence – 10 points; and
6. Resumes of key personnel including current licenses and registrations of principal, if applicable – 10 points.

Interested Consultants shall submit one (1) original, four (4) copies and one (1) electronic version in .pdf on a compact disc of their statements of professional qualifications no later than **4:30 p.m., Friday, NOVEMBER 21, 2014**. Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.

Discussions may be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the agreement requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required.

An agreement shall be negotiated with the highest qualified construction management firm or company at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms may be selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon.

All responses to this RFQ shall take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the consultant awarded an agreement for this project, including excise tax.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

Send information to: **Ms. MaryAnn Q. Lizama**
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Commonwealth Ports Authority
P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950-1055

/s/ **JOSE R. LIFOFOI**
Board Chairman/Contracting Officer

Date: October 23, 2014

Judiciary Mock Trial Academy begins Saturday

For the first time in mock trial competition history, the Judiciary will conduct a Mock Trial Academy at the Guma' Hustisia on Nov. 15, 21, and 22, 2014. Over 100 high school mock trial students are set to attend sessions on trial decorum, opening statements, closing arguments, and the Rules of Evidence.

Academy instructors include Garth Backe, Assistant U.S. Attorney for Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands; Rexford C. Kosack, private practice attorney and former CNMI attorney general; Timothy H. Bellas, private practice attorney, justice pro tem, and former CNMI Superior Court judge; and Robert T. Torres, private practice attorney and former CNMI attorney general. The academy will assist in preparing students for the

CNMI and national mock trial competitions.

The CNMI High School Mock Trial competition, similar to a state-level competition, is an opportunity for students to study a hypothetical case and act as prosecution and defense attorneys or witnesses, and in the process, learn about the justice system as well as develop oral advocacy and critical thinking skills. The competition will take place in February 2015, and is annually sponsored by the CNMI Bar Association, Public School System, and Judiciary.

The winning team will represent the CNMI at the National High School Mock Trial Championship in Raleigh, North Carolina in May 2015. *(NMI Judiciary)*



2014 Mock Trial champions, Saipan Southern High School, with Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro, middle left, attorney-coach Michael Sato, middle right, and teacher-coach Frank Borja, bottom right.

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CNMI ECO MUSIC CHALLENGE

Open call for musicians, composers, singers

The CNMI Eco Music Challenge is a music composition contest that is a part of the project "Through The Eyes Of Children" and is funded through a grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The challenge is a collaborative effort of NOAA, Guihan Pasifiku, Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance, and KKMP Radio and serves to encourage people to take action and care for the environment.

The challenge gives the youth up to the age of 21 (join as a group or an individual) an opportunity, through music, to express their appreciation and the need to protect the environment. Moreover, it serves to spread the message of encouraging everyone to take action and care for our environment.

8 MCS teachers earn high marks in education technology course

Eight teachers from Mount Carmel School recently all earned A+ grades in an education technology course run by the CNMI Public School System. The eight teachers are part of an "Ed Tech" cohort of private school teachers that are taking a series of courses that will help them make the most of technology in the classroom.

The first course, Computer Application, taught by both Education Commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan, and master teacher Marizel Hiponia, introduced teachers to the fundamentals of computer applications in the classroom. Blending webinars with face-to-face instruction, the course covered different operating systems and refined teachers' understanding of plug-ins, extensions, add-ons,

Contestants are invited to compose and sing a song that has relevance to the environment, supports the environmental cause, and campaigns for a clean and green CNMI. The composition can be in Chamorro, Carolinian or English and must be no more than 3.5 minutes long. The contest is open to youth up to 21 years old. Contestants can appoint a vocalist or musician(s) (all under 21) to sing or backup the song. The entry must be an original composition, which is unpublished and has not been performed before. You can submit more than one entry.

The top 10 entries will receive a cash prize of \$300 each and will be recorded into a CD and sold to support MINA's environmental projects in the CNMI.

To enter the CNMI Eco Mu-

sic Challenge 2014, participants shall submit their audio or video entries online to kkmpmusic@gmail.com or bring CD or flash-drive to KKMP Radio located at the Cabrera Center.

There is no entry form but every entry must have the lyrics and contact information attached in Microsoft office or PDF format.

The shortlisting of qualifying entries will be based on the following criteria:

- 40 percent on relevance to the environment
- 20 percent on appeal
- 20 percent on song lyrics
- 20 percent on tune

Deadline for entries is on Nov. 30, 2014, at 4pm. Entries received after 4pm will not be considered. For more information email kkmpmusic@gmail.com or call 783-0179. *(PR)*

and other aspects of computer applications. The entire Ed Tech program uses the Classroom Instruction that Works (CITW) model to focus on how technology can enhance instruction and learning.

The first course, which ran for six weeks from Sept. 29 through Nov. 8, was a grueling schedule that had teachers investing up to 10 instructional hours every week and countless additional hours researching and completing coursework.

For 6th grade teacher and former MCS Teacher of the Year, Frances Taimanao, despite how difficult the course was, it was worth it. "It was really hectic, crazy, and challenging, but I learned a lot." Taimanao added, "I really appreciate how it helps us use technology

in the classroom. I've even been able to share what I've learned with a visiting Japanese teacher in my classroom and my own students."

Besides Taimanao, the cohort included vice principal for curriculum and instruction Bobby Baldazo, high school science teacher Luz Baldazo, computer teacher Filmah Buenafior, 5th grade teachers Min Ji Han and HeJin Lee, 1st grade teacher Zita Sablan, school counselor Tobed Smith, and teachers from Saipan International School and Grace Christian Academy.

The cohort will continue with its next course, Solo 6 and Literacy, and subsequent courses, Google Apps for Education, Student Products, and Creative Design—Adobe Creative Suite. *(MCS)*



JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

OPEN DATE: November 7, 2014
CLOSE DATE: November 21, 2014

POSITION: Accountant
SALARY: Minimum Wage

Qualifications:

High school graduate or equivalent required. Minimum of (2) years experience in accounting required. Proficient in Microsoft Excel highly preferred. One (1) position is currently available.

OPEN DATE: November 7, 2014
CLOSE DATE: November 21, 2014

POSITIONS: Graphic Artist & Technical Support Specialist
SALARY: Negotiable

Qualifications:

High school graduate or equivalent required. Minimum two years experience in computer/network maintenance field required; formal education/training in IT or Design related subjects highly preferred. One (1) Graphic Artist position and one (1) Technical Support Specialist is currently available.

OPEN DATE: November 7, 2014
CLOSE DATE: November 21, 2014

POSITION: Cook
SALARY: Negotiable

Qualifications:

High school graduate or equivalent required. Two years of formal training/education in culinary arts required. Position may require employee to receive food handler related health examinations and clearances as condition to their continued employment. One (1) position is currently available.

OPEN DATE: November 7, 2014
CLOSE DATE: November 21, 2014

POSITION: Mechanic
SALARY: Negotiable

Qualifications:

High school graduate or equivalent required. Minimum of two (2) years of formal mechanical experience or mechanical training is required. Two years of experience in related field strongly preferred. One (1) position is currently available.

OPEN DATE: November 7, 2014
CLOSE DATE: November 21, 2014

POSITION: Bellhop
SALARY: Minimum Wage

Qualifications:

High school graduate or equivalent required. A valid Driver's License is required and must be 25 years old or older. Experience in a hotel environment preferred. Must have excellent people skills, willingness to provide service, friendly attitude and a ready smile. Two (2) positions are currently available.

OPEN DATE: November 7, 2014
CLOSE DATE: November 21, 2014

POSITION: Guest Relations Officer
SALARY: Minimum Wage

Qualifications:

High school graduate or equivalent required. Proficiency in the Korean language is required. Must have excellent people skills, willingness to provide service, friendly attitude and a ready smile. One (1) position is currently available.

OPEN DATE: November 7, 2014
CLOSE DATE: November 21, 2014

POSITION: Reservations Clerk
SALARY: Minimum Wage

Qualifications:

High school graduate or equivalent required. Minimum two (2) years experience in hotel reservations preferred. Must have excellent people skills, willingness to provide service, friendly attitude and a ready smile. One (1) position is currently available.

OPEN DATE: November 7, 2014
CLOSE DATE: November 21, 2014

POSITION: Lifeguard
SALARY: Minimum Wage

Qualifications:

High school graduate or equivalent required. Obtaining a lifeguard certification will be required for continued employment. Must have a friendly and outgoing personality. One (1) position is currently available.

OPEN DATE: November 7, 2014
CLOSE DATE: November 21, 2014

POSITION: Kids College Attendant
SALARY: Minimum Wage

Qualifications:

High school graduate or equivalent required. Must enjoy and be comfortable interacting with young children. Have a friendly attitude and a ready smile. One (1) position is currently available.

For more information, please contact the Human Resources Team at (670) 234-5900 ext. 274/266/576.

Employment application forms are available at the Saipan World Resort, Security Office, located next to the Wave Jungle/Water Park. Applicants must submit the completed form and all the necessary requirements to the Security Office. Incomplete application will not be accepted by the Security Office.

Off The Wall

Woman marks 100th with sky dive



In this Saturday, Nov. 8, 2014 photo, Eleanor "Nanny" Cunningham, left, with tandem master Dean McDonald, come in for a landing after their skydive in Gansevoort, N.Y., a day after her 100th birthday.

GANSEVOORT, N.Y. (AP)—Eleanor Cunningham of Howes Cave, New York, has bested former President George H.W. Bush.

He celebrated his 90th birthday by skydiving; she made the big leap to mark her centennial.

Cunningham kissed her

7-month-old great-great-granddaughter before suiting up for her 100th birthday jump Saturday at Saratoga Skydiving in Gansevoort (GANZ'-voort). It was her third jump, after taking up the sport at age 90.

Cunningham lives with her granddaughter in their Schoha-

rie (skoh-HAYR'-ee) County home in central New York. Her doctor signed off on the skydiving expedition, saying her health makes her more than capable of doing what she loves.

Dean McDonald of Saratoga Skydiving says Cunningham is his oldest jump partner yet.

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Gun pointed during argument over Battleship game

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—A Utah man is accused of threatening his teenage daughter with a rifle during an argument that began over a game of Battleship. Police say the 68-year-old man was with his 17-year-old daughter in a rural area when he accused her of cheating and broke the game. Utah County authorities say the girl tried to leave the trailer where they were playing, but the man dragged her back by her hair and pointed the loaded rifle at her head. The Daily Herald reports she called 911 from a cellphone and authorities traced the GPS signal to a campsite. She escaped from the trailer after deputies arrived. The Deseret News reports the father was arrested on suspicion of intoxication, aggravated assault and other charges.

Man rescued from Colorado department store's walls

LONGMONT, Colo. (AP)—Authorities say a man who was freed from a space between two walls of a Colorado department store may have been

there for several days yelling for help. Longmont police Sgt. Matt Cage says Paul Felyk was rescued Tuesday. The Longmont Times-Call reports firefighters used a circular saw to cut into the side of the building to free him. Employees at the Marshalls store reported hearing someone yelling Monday but couldn't tell where it was coming from. On Tuesday, employees found the man yelling through a hole in the wall, so they notified authorities. Longmont Fire Department spokeswoman Molly Meehan says Felyk entered the building through a vent on the roof for unknown reasons.

Man arrested in case of Corvette driven into river

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—A man accused of sending the red Corvette his wife drives plunging into a Philadelphia river during a messy divorce has been arrested. Police say John Kramer turned himself in to the police department's northeast detectives division and was being processed Wednesday evening. A police spokeswoman says Kramer faces charges of violating a protection from abuse order, harassment and reckless-

ly endangering another person. Police say a witness told them a man drove to the Delaware River on Monday, got out and let the car run into the water. They say he took the car from his wife's house. Marine units found the car in 30 feet of water and made sure no one was inside. The car later was lifted from the water.

Boxed turkeys spilled on highway will be donated

SAN RAMON, Calif. (AP)—About 25,000 pounds of frozen boxed turkeys that an overturned tractor-trailer spilled on a Northern California freeway two weeks before Thanksgiving will be donated to a local food bank. California Highway Patrol Officer Kevin Bartlett tells KPIX that a health inspector determined the turkeys are still safe to eat. The semi-truck also spilled an estimated 40 gallons of diesel fuel on Interstate 680 about 40 miles east of San Francisco, snarling traffic during the Wednesday morning commute. The driver had minor injuries. CHP Sgt. Joseph Azevedo tells KNTV that the driver took a highway off-ramp too quickly around 2:30 a.m., and the truck's trailer flipped on its side.



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

ADDENDUM NO. 1 11/12/14 ITB15-GOV-008

Department of Public Safety Building Renovations, San Jose Village, Tinian CNMI

The previously advertised, Invitation to Bid ("ITB") for the "Department of Public Safety Building Renovations, San Jose Village, Tinian CNMI" has been amended. The specific amendment is to include a revised bid-schedule, additional engineering drawings and extend the bid due date. The ITB shall read as follows:

Sealed bids must be marked "ITB15-GOV-008". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than **10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, November 20, 2014**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than **10:00 a.m. Saipan local time November 20, 2014**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **November 20, 2014** and must be received no later than **December 2, 2014**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at **9:00 a.m. Saipan local time, December 3, 2014**. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at **10:30 a.m. Saipan local time, on November 20, 2014**.

All other elements of the ITB remain as originally provided. For further information on this project, please contact the Capital Improvement Office, during working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. – Monday through Friday, except holidays) or by fax at (670)664-2408.



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-15-003

Water & Wastewater Laboratory Services

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), Office of the Executive Director is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from DECQ certified firms to provide laboratory services for the islands of Saipan, Tinian and Rota in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The RFP package may be obtained upon completion of registration and receipt of a non-refundable deposit from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 for one set from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays. Prospective Proposers must register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on **November 26, 2014 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room 15, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-15-003, Water & Wastewater Laboratory Services", to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **December 12, 2014 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

All Offerors are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal under the contract.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment. There shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing proposers.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

All questions or request for clarification must be submitted in writing no later than **November 28, 2014 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Procurement & Supply Manager via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Heidi Yelin, CUC Laboratory Manager, via email heidi.yelin@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

/s/ ALAN W. FLETCHER
Executive Director

/s/ MANNY B. SABLON
Manager, Procurement & Supply

Science & Technology

Startup working to turn hoverboards into reality

LOS GATOS, Calif. (AP)—The more your knees quiver, the more the 90 pound board you're perched on, floating above a pillow of air, seems about to shoot out from under your feet. A high-pitched engine scream bounces from the sheet of copper as you swivel and glide your way a few feet forward.

This is hoverboarding.

Skateboarding is going airborne this fall with the launch of the first real commercially marketed hoverboard which uses magnetics to float about

an inch off the ground. The creators believe their technology will someday be used to transport large containers or hold buildings above earthquakes as the ground shakes below. But for now, it's all about fun, as demonstrated in a recent practice session.

"You can very much tell that it's frictionless so you just smoothly move along, and it's odd because you can move in all directions," said engineer Kyle O'Neil, seated on a copper ramp where they test their



In this Oct. 30, 2014 photo, Arx Pax engineer Garrett Foshay stands over a Hendo Hoverboard in Los Gatos, Calif.

products wearing helmets and safety lenses.

But there are some catches. The Hendo currently only works for about 15 minutes before it needs recharging and can only operate over metal surfaces. And that price tag: \$10,000.

Greg and Jill Henderson, co-founders of the firm Arx Pax which developed the Hendo Hoverboard, envision much more.

Sketches of hoverboard parks where people could rent boards and ride up and down ramps,

much like skateboard parks, are already pinned to the walls.

"This is not the end, this is just the beginning of where this technology can go," said Greg Henderson, sitting on a retro sofa in their makeshift labs in the Silicon Valley enclave of Los Gatos. He's definitely thinking big.

"The wheel has served us very, very well, and we're not taking the wheel head on, but there are certain places where this may be more appropriate than the wheel," he says.

TECH Q&A

Why I still recommend Windows 7

By **STEVE ALEXANDER**
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

Q: More than once in your column I have noticed that you recommend that a person get a PC with Windows 7 installed. I am wondering why you are not suggesting that a PC with Windows 8 or later makes more sense in view of Microsoft's decision not to update Windows 7 after Dec. 31 of this year.

A: The reasons to recommend

Windows 7 just keep coming. My original reason was that most people disliked Windows 8 and 8.1, whose design scrambled the basic controls for Windows that users had been accustomed to for many years. My latest reason is that Windows 8 and 8.1 for PCs are on the way out after two years of slow sales. Windows 10 will arrive late next year.

Even though Microsoft's "mainstream support," for Windows 7 will end in January, that isn't a big deal. It only means

the end of new or updated features. The more important date for Windows 7 users is the end of "extended support" in January 2020. That's when Microsoft will stop providing security patches for Windows 7, making the operating system a sitting duck for hackers who discover new security flaws in it. (This happened to Windows XP earlier this year.) For the next six years, Windows 7 will be safe.

How did we get to the point where an older version of Windows was better than a newer one?

Windows 8 and 8.1 removed

the Start button menu, which was traditionally a guide to programs, and also de-emphasized the main screen, or desktop, so that it was no longer the center of the computing experience. In their place, Windows 8 and 8.1 had colored tiles that were optimized for use with touch screens, even though most PC users didn't have touch screens. I believed Windows 7's interface was better.

In September, Microsoft announced Windows 10 (there will be no Windows 9) will allow consumers to choose either the familiar interface of Win-

dows 7 or the Windows 8 design (see tinyurl.com/m796ay3). I think most PC users will choose the Windows 7 interface, and that the Windows 8 design will be used mostly on touch-screen tablet computers and smartphones.

Why did Microsoft insist Windows 8 was the wave of the future when many customers objected? Many observers believe it was part of a Microsoft strategy to boost slow-selling Windows smartphones. The idea: if consumers became familiar with Windows 8 on PCs, they'd be more likely to buy Windows phones.

But that didn't happen. Windows 8 and 8.1 PC sales lagged. Today there are three times as many Windows 7 PCs in use as Windows 8 and 8.1 PCs combined, according to Net Applications, a data analysis firm. Meanwhile, Microsoft lost market share in smartphones. In the third quarter of this year, Windows phones made up 3.3 percent of worldwide unit sales, down from 4.1 percent a year ago, said research firm Strategy Analytics.

Because of all that, I'll continue to recommend Windows 7 until Windows 10 arrives.

Science Matters

Abdominal muscles
Breathing

Ribs and shell
Body support

Two systems, two purposes

Turtle breathes inside a rigid case

Most animals use their ribs for breathing, but turtles' ribs and vertebrae fused long ago into a shell, and muscles wrapping around their lungs and organs allow them to breathe.

How the shell evolved

Body wall gradually became more rigid, and abdominal muscles became specialized for breathing

5 Snapping turtle
Modern

4 Proganochelys
210 million yrs. ago
Recognizable turtle shell develops

3 Odontochelys
220 million yrs. ago

2 Eunotosaurus
260 million yrs. ago
Earliest known tortoise; ribs had not yet fused into a shell, but its muscles had formed a sling under its lungs like a modern turtle's

1 Early tetrapod
300+ million yrs. ago

Source: Tyler Lyson of Wits University's Evolutionary Studies Institute, Nature Communications; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Graphic: Helen Lee McComas
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Eunotosaurus fossil from South Africa

In Humble Gratitude

We, the family of the late
† Rosario Saimon Arriola Camacho
 Lovingly known as **"Charu"**

wish to express a sincere and heartfelt
 "Thank You" to all our families, relatives,
 and friends. Your thoughtfulness and unselfish support in
 expressing your sympathies, condolences, and prayers
 have greatly helped us to endure the grief/sorrow
 of our loss. Your presence with us at the daily mass,
 rosary and especially the Mass of Christian Burial has
 given us the strength to carry on each day.

We are very grateful to all of you. Your kindness
 and love will be forever cherished and remembered.

May God Bless Us All
Thank You, Si Yu'us Ma'ase,
Olomaay & Kulo Malulap

The Children and Family

Life & Style

Bennett Miller hunts down 'Foxcatcher'

NEW YORK (AP)—Over a plate of pasta, Bennett Miller is trying to explain how a movie goes from an idea to an actual thing.

"When you get hooked onto something like the notion of 'Foxcatcher,' for me, there is a very strong, specific feeling about the soul of this film, in the same way you might know a person or that you might know a film that exists, to have that sense of WHAT IT IS," says Miller. "But it's still not a material thing yet, and how to realize that thing, how that soul gets incarnated is the process."

"It's like, 'I had a glimpse of Big Foot, and now let's go track him.'"

For nearly seven years, Miller hunted his latest film, a modern Greek tragedy based on the true tale of two Olympic wrestlers, Mark and Dave Schultz (Channing Tatum, Mark Ruffalo), taken in by a wealthy benefactor, John DuPont (Steve Carell). The project died at least once. Miller was at one point sued by the original production company. And after "Foxcatcher" did finally come together, thanks to its own wealthy patron (producer Megan Ellison) Miller took a year to edit.

Speed, you might say, is not one of Miller's attributes.

But Miller, 47, is doggedly determined ("I never thought it wouldn't happen," he says of "Foxcatcher"), and when he picks up on the scent of a film, his pursuit is steady and deliberate. "Foxcatcher," for which Miller won best director at Cannes, is a sensational tabloid story that Miller first learned about from a newspaper clipping, but crafted with a solemn disaffection and

heavy themes of America.

Carell, who was layered with makeup and a prosthetic nose for the role, recalls his first meeting with Miller:

"He painted a picture of the movie that was vivid, that was incredibly detailed even at that early stage," says the actor. "Years later when I saw it for the first time, it was exactly as he described it to me."

Filmmaking is by its nature an accumulation of details, a synthesis of a million decisions. But few directors combine such obsessive meticulousness with a desire to let a film grow organically.

"It's like he constructs this great Olympic-size pool with an incredible diving board," says Dan Futterman, a longtime friend of Miller's who wrote Miller's 2005 breakthrough, "Capote," and co-wrote "Foxcatcher." "But then he wants to walk out there with the actors and jump off."

It's a way of working that has meant many nights of painstaking labor, subtly molding a film through sound design and observed moments. To get a fleeting shot from the perspective inside DuPont's mansion, for example, Miller digitally created the distorted effect of peering through old, warped glass, since capturing the real thing would have meant moving the camera.

But Miller relishes such re-



This image released by Sony Pictures Classics shows Steve Carell, left, and Mark Ruffalo, right, director Bennett Miller, seated right, and Channing Tatum, standing shirtless, on the set of "Foxcatcher."

fining, particularly during editing, where he feels a film is really made.

"I love that kind of pain," he says. "I really feel in my element in the edit. It can be excruciating, but it's the most rewarding. That's when it really comes alive. For better or for worse, it's my nature to be in that room, toiling."

But Miller's mix of tight and loose control has made him one of the most sure-handed directors of actors. When Carell is nominated for an Oscar for his remarkable transformation (as well as possibly Ruffalo and, in a longer shot, maybe Tatum), it will make Miller three-for-three in shepherding Academy Award-nominated performances to the big screen.

Glenn Close savors 'challenging' Broadway return

NEW YORK (AP)—There's a special room in the Golden Theatre on Broadway where Glenn Close can travel back in time.

The Tony- and Emmy Award-winning, who stars in a new revival of "A Delicate Balance," has helped decorate the backstage communal coffee room with framed photos from some past roles tackled by her and her co-stars.

There's one photo from the set of "Jagged Edge" and another of her posing with the original cast of "The Real Thing" on Broadway. There's one of her snuggling John Lithgow in "The World According to Garp" and one with her in "Dangerous Liaisons."

"It's about history and connections," Close explains, making a cup of tea and curling up on a sofa.

Looking at the walls is like a six-degrees-of-stardom test. The "Jagged Edge" photo is there because designer Ann Roth, who made the costumes for the play, also made them for Close in the 1985 movie. Why the "Garp" photo? Easy: Lithgow is now once again her co-star.

What about the "Dangerous

Liaisons" shot? Close explains that she and Lindsay Duncan both played the same part, one on film and the other onstage. Now the actresses play sisters in the new revival.

"I keep telling people to bring in stuff," Close says. "I like to think of a company as a family and all the connections we have is really fun to surround ourselves with."

Spend even a few minutes in the room and you quickly realize that Close is savoring every minute of her return to a big Broadway role since she wowed everyone 20 years ago in "Sunset Boulevard."

She'd been searching for a stage project since her show "Damages" ended in 2012, and landed on Edward Albee's 1967 Pulitzer Prize winner, which examines the stresses and strains of family and friendship.

"I narrowed it down to this because it's a very strong ensemble piece and I knew I wanted to come back surrounded by a strong group of actors," she says. "And it's very challenging."

The play takes place in the well-appointed home of Tobias and Agnes, a handsome couple

"Capote," a film that also took Miller years to get made, yielded an Oscar for Philip Seymour Hoffman (a friend of Miller's from high school) and a nomination for Catherine Keener. The 2011 baseball film "Moneyball" brought nods for Brad Pitt and Jonah Hill.

"He understands tonality so well," says Carell. "Just a very precise cut-away or lingering on a shot for another beat or two. He's very conscious of how that can affect things before and things after. He built this house of cards and it's very precise and it's very intricate. I think that's why he's so good."

Before Miller arrives for lunch at an Italian restaurant near his Manhattan apartment

and which bears his picture on the celebrity-covered walls, owner Emilio Ballato promises: "He'll be here. He's always here on time." When Miller arrives three minutes late, he apologizes sincerely for his tardiness.

Miller speaks a little like his movies, shaping his answers, searching for them and pausing for silence. For a filmmaker who specializes in tales of dislocation—a New York poet working on a tour bus (Miller's documentary "The Cruise"), a statistician among athletes, a New York intellectual in Kansas, a wrestler at a lavish estate—he looks right where he's supposed to be.

Ballato says he's going to name Miller's usual seat "Bennett's Corner."

nearing the end of middle age. Agnes, played by Close, frets—about losing her mind, for one thing, and becoming "mad as a hatter, chewing the ribbons on her dress." A series of visitors threaten to upend their comfortable lives.

The play is Close's first brush with performing Albee and it is challenging stuff. "It doesn't trip off your tongue when you're learning it," he says. "It was very hard to get into it. We all have found the language challenging."

In addition to Lithgow, Duncan and Close, the play co-stars Bob Balaban, Clare Higgins and Martha Plimpton, who plays her daughter and at one point during the interview wanders into the backstage coffee room to chat with Close and laugh at her first headshot, at age 11, hanging on the wall. Of her co-star, Plimpton gushes: "Fantastic. The best. It's true: She is the best."

Close's return to Broadway is a homecoming for the three-time Tony winner, who began her professional career as an understudy for The New Phoenix Repertory Company in New York. She still recalls fondly the original Helen Hayes Theatre,

where she first worked.

"I actually was riding the bus down Seventh Avenue when they were wrecking it. And I saw it sheared off," she says. "I saw the little fourth floor dressing room that had been my first dressing room."

She spent this summer doing some indie films—"I played a grandmother in most of them but they were fun," Close says—and the next big project on her horizon is the same as her current one: History and connections. She helped her sister, Jessie Close, write a memoir about living with bipolar disorder.

Glenn Close, who lost daily touch with her sister for several years around the time Glenn's acting career took off, wrote three vignettes and the epilogue for "Resilience," due out early next year.

"It was shocking to me to know what she'd been through. I'm very proud of her for writing this book. I think it was not easy," says Glenn Close, who helped create Bring Change 2 Mind, a nonprofit organization that aims to end the stigma of mental illness. "I didn't know she's lucky to be alive."

YouTube adds subscription service to music mix

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Google is remixing the music on its YouTube video site with the addition of ad-free subscription service "Music Key" and a new format designed to make it easier to find millions of songs that can still be played for free.

The subscription service is part of Google's effort to mine more revenue from YouTube as the video site approaches the 10th anniversary of its inception. Music Key has been speculated about for months while Google Inc. wrangled over the licensing terms with recording labels. The service, priced initially at \$8 a month, is comparable in cost to other digital music subscription services sold by Spotify, Apple Inc.'s Beats and Google's own 18-month-old streaming service tied to its Android "Play" store. But Music Key subscribers will be able to stream through the Google Play service at no additional charge, too.

YouTube also is unveiling a new tab devoted exclusively to music on its mobile apps and website. This option is meant to make it easier for the video site's 1 billion users to find specific songs and entire albums, even if they aren't subscribers.

Most music subscription services own the rights to the same catalogues, making their ability to learn listeners' preference to create appealing playlists particularly important. Music Key, though, will offer the unique distinction of being able to show artists performing their songs too.

That difference could help lure listeners away from Spotify, which says it has about 50 million users, including 12.5 million subscribers, said Mark Mulligan, a longtime industry analyst with Media Research. And YouTube's redesigned library of free music could do even more damage to Spotify and other services, such as video site Vevo, where people flock to check out songs at no cost. Expanding the audience that listens to free music would be profitable for Google because that would yield more opportunities to show ads—the main way that the Mountain View, California, company makes its money anyway.

"A cynic might say that Google is only doing this subscription service on YouTube so it would get the rights to do what it always wanted to do with the free service," Mulligan said.

Google's main goal "is to make the music experience better on YouTube," said Christophe Muller, who oversees the company's music partnerships.

Music Key initially will be offered on an invitation-only basis in the U.S., United Kingdom, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Ireland and Finland.

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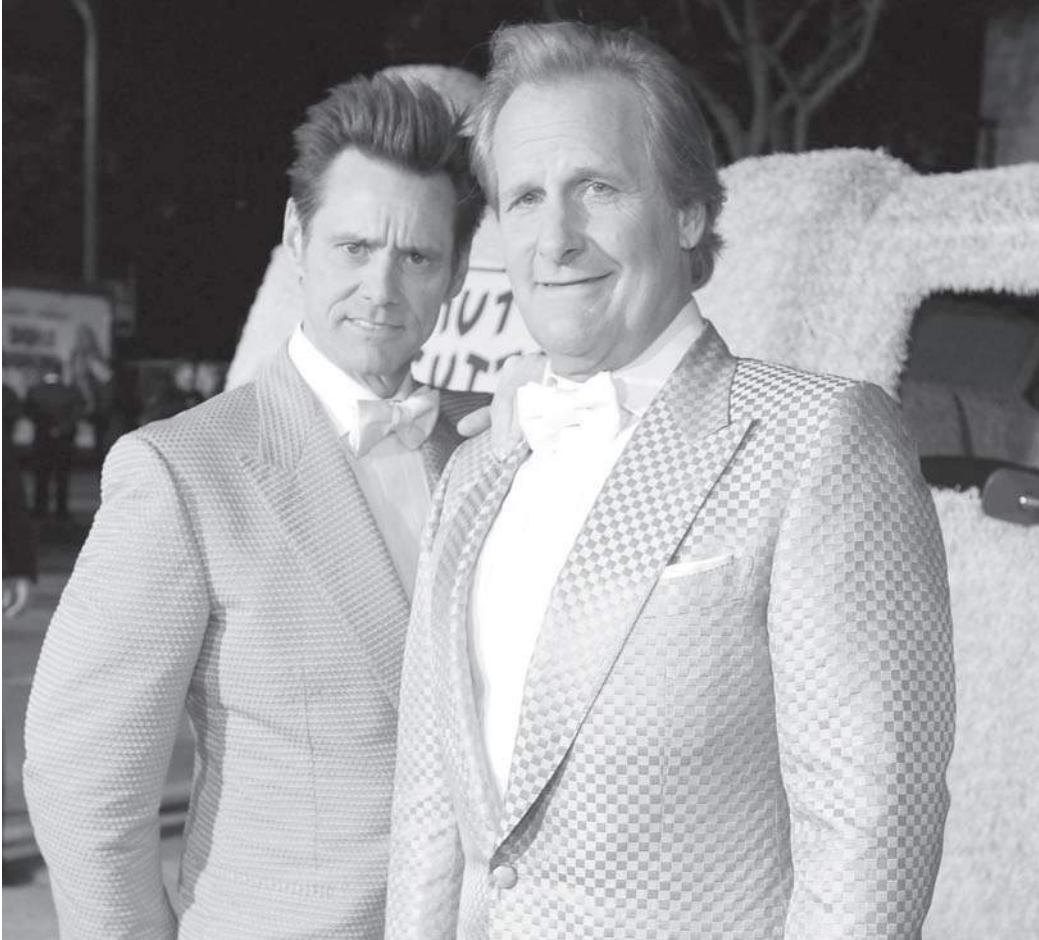
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Making 'Dumber' sequel more fun than the first



LOS ANGELES (AP)—Jim Carrey and Jeff Daniels made another “Dumb & Dumber” film because fans asked for it, and the two actors said making the sequel was more

fun than working on the 1994 original.

“We were kind of just meeting each other as we were doing the first one,” Daniels said in a recent interview. “You got

two different acting styles going on—is it going to even work? And the first one, we guessed right, and it did ...

“Now it’s just a lot easier. We know more, we know what’s

AP
In this Monday, Nov. 3, 2014 file photo, Jim Carrey, left, and Jeff Daniels arrive at the premiere of “Dumb and Dumber To” at the Regency Village Theatre in Los Angeles.

funny, we know the two characters well—all the stuff we didn’t know in the first one we already know in the second one, so we just get to do it again, only we hope better.”

“And we were blood doping,” Carrey added. “So that made it easier.”

Daniels and Carrey reprise their roles as painfully dim pals Harry and Lloyd in “Dumb & Dumber To,” opening Friday. Reuniting on a sequel 20 years after the original wasn’t hard, Carrey said.

“Honestly, it was like we just did it yesterday and boom, we were back in it,” he said. “It was a fantastic, familiar feeling.”

Daniels was delighted to return to comedy after spending the past three seasons starring in the Aaron Sorkin TV drama, “The Newsroom.”

“Comedy is a joy,” he said. “There’s a freedom to it. There’s a fearlessness to it that you don’t get in everything else. It was a thrill to do.”

Whitney Houston hologram? You’ll have to wait

NEW YORK (AP)—Hoping for a Whitney Houston hologram? You’ll have to wait.

Pat Houston, the late singer’s sister-in-law and head of her estate, says she’s had offers to debut a Houston hologram, but she won’t sign on just yet.

“We did Madame Tussauds, the wax museum, with Whitney’s figures and that was a little scary to stand there and take photographs next to these figurines of Whitney. It’s kind of spooky,” Pat Houston said in a recent interview.

“I don’t know how I would feel about (a hologram) and cer-

tainly I’ve been approached to do a project of that magnitude, and I said, ‘No.’ But who knows what the future holds,” she added. “I mean, it’s just been only two and half years. Maybe down the road.”

Whitney Houston died in 2012 at age 48. Acts from Michael Jackson to Tupac Shakur have been presented in hologram form.

Fans will get to see some of Whitney Houston with Monday’s release of “Whitney Houston Live: Her Greatest Performances,” the pop singer’s first live album, released on

DVD and CD.

Pat Houston said unlike other musicians who have died and released posthumous albums, there aren’t many Whitney Houston songs waiting to be released.

“I wish she had tons of songs that were out there that she had recorded ... but we have a few surprises to come along in the years to come,” she said.

An upcoming project starring Whitney Houston on Lifetime is one the family is not involved with, Pat Houston said. Angela Bassett is directing the TV film.

“Angela Bassett did not come to the family, but Lifetime did and we said, ‘No.’ It was our option to do it or not, and we chose not to,” said Pat Houston, who starred in a Lifetime reality show with the Houston family for one season months after Whitney Houston died. “It’s just not the right time and we just weren’t interested right now for any type of biopic to come out on Whitney.”

“Nothing negative to say,” she added. “They’re doing what they do, and people will always do what they want to do ... and hey, we just keep it moving.”

Rihanna teases new music at Virginia military base



AP
Rihanna holds the pregnant belly of Spc. Ariel Evans during an event promoting her Rogue Man cologne at Ft. Belvoir Exchange on Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2014 in Ft. Belvoir, Va.

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP)—Rihanna won’t say when she plans to release new music but she is confident about what it sounds like.

“I can’t give you any hints of when it will drop. It’s going to be great, that’s all I’m going to tell you and I’m excited about it,” said the singer at a meet-and-greet Wednesday with fans at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

The critic she is worried about is herself.

“I try to battle myself and outdo everything I’ve done and that’s been the hardest thing to do. You start overthinking things at times,” she confessed.

The 26-year-old typically has released albums in November in the past but wouldn’t comment

on that. She just said, “I can’t wait for everybody to hear (the music) little by little. ... little by little. I can’t wait.”

Rihanna also brought along her new men’s fragrance, “Rogue Man,” her first for guys.

“I feel like what better way to get these people excited than to get them something nice, to smell good. They’re running around all day working hard. And, you know, the guys are sexy. They need to smell sexy.” She also joked about not having a “rogue man” of her own, saying with a wink, “hopefully I’ll find one here today on the base.”

Rihanna performed at the Concert For Valor: Saluting America’s Veterans in Washington, D.C., on Tuesday.

Basquiat-tagged jacket fetches \$9,100 at NY sale

NEW YORK (AP)—A leather jacket tagged by Jean-Michel Basquiat and other personalities of New York City’s 1980s underground art scene sold for \$9,100 at a Manhattan auction.

The jacket was purchased by an online bidder at Swann Auction Galleries’ contemporary art sale Wednesday. The price was just under its pre-sale high estimate of \$10,000.

The seller was the original

owner, the stage manager of the legendary after-hours nightclub Danceteria from 1981 to 1986.

The auction house says he asked one of the club elevator operators to use the coat as a blank canvas for guests to sign.

Basquiat’s contribution includes schematic drawings and the words “breast” and “corset.” Fashion designer and artist Stephen Sprouse inscribed “Serenity Prayer” on the collar.

Planning ahead is best advice for Thanksgiving volunteers

DEAR ABBY: Thanksgiving is fast approaching and I would like to share some advice with your readers from someone who has volunteered in shelters for many years.

1. Please do NOT volunteer on Thanksgiving. It’s the day most people volunteer, and there are always more volunteers than homeless people.

2. If you want to make donations, please drop them off a few days before or a few days after. It will allow the shelter time to store all the donations and to take an inventory of what is still needed.

3. Shelters need not only food, but also paper goods such as plates, napkins, toilet paper and plastic utensils.

4. Because refrigerator space is limited, don’t bring anything that must be refrigerated.

5. Most shelters pay rent, water, electric and telephone bills and lease office equipment, etc. A check or cash donation is ideal. It’s also tax deductible.

If in doubt, call ahead (at least a week in advance) and ask what is needed.

YEAR-ROUND VOLUNTEER

DEAR VOLUNTEER: Kudos to you for so generously giving your time to help others who are in need. I’m sure my readers will appreciate your insight. Planning ahead and

knowing what is needed make perfect sense.

DEAR ABBY: Our son and daughter-in-law were married last year at a courthouse. They are now planning a “real” wedding. Our daughter-in-law thinks we should pay for the rehearsal dinner, and my husband thinks he isn’t required to. Please help with this dilemma. Are we expected to pay for a rehearsal dinner since they have been married a year already?

NEW MOTHER-IN-LAW IN OHIO

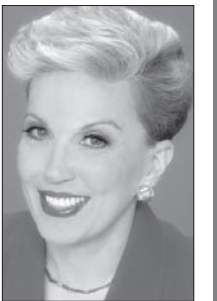
DEAR MOTHER-IN-LAW: Celebrations of this kind are GIFTS. Regardless of what your daughter-in-law is saying, they are not mandatory. While she may expect you to pay for the dinner, no rule of etiquette requires you to do it. Please tell your husband I said to hang onto his wallet.

DEAR ABBY: I’m writing you on behalf of a friend. No matter where her husband is—at home, at a friend’s, walking into a store or walking around town—he’s always dropping his pants to tuck in his shirt. One of these days someone is going to think he’s flashing and have him arrested. His wife is afraid it will happen.

My friend has made comments to him about it, but he still continues. Please give me some advice because someone else may have the same problem, and it may save another family from this embarrassment.

DEAR ABBY

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A FRIEND IN ST. PAUL

DEAR FRIEND: Your friend’s concerns are legitimate. A man dropping his pants in a public place is, to say the least, attention-getting. If his concern is really that his shirts creep up, suggest that your friend talk to a tailor—many cleaners have them in their shops—about how to prevent the problem from happening. During a Minnesota winter, she could save him from catching pneumonia from the bottom up.

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Kershaw, Kluber win Cy Young Awards



NEW YORK (AP)—Everyone expected Clayton Kershaw to pitch a shutout, and he did—a unanimous choice for the NL Cy Young Award.

Corey Kluber edging out Felix Hernandez for the AL pitching prize, that was no sure thing.

Now, the big question: Is Kershaw the Most Valuable Player, too?

“I can’t even really fathom it happening,” Kershaw said on a conference call Wednesday, shortly after winning his third Cy Young in four seasons.

Kershaw led the majors in victories and ERA and threw a no-hitter, going 21-3 with a 1.77 ERA for the NL West champion Los Angeles Dodgers.

The 26-year-old lefty with a wicked curveball will find out Thursday if he’s the first NL pitcher to sweep the MVP and Cy Young honors since Bob Gibson in 1968.

“I think a lot of things probably have to go right,” Kershaw said, adding, “there are so many people out there who don’t think a pitcher should win.”

Pittsburgh center fielder Andrew McCutchen, who won the NL MVP last year, and Miami slugger Giancarlo Stanton are competing against Kershaw for honor.

“Everybody’s going to have an opinion” on the position player-vs.-pitcher debate, Kershaw said.

His thought? “I don’t really have an opinion either way,” he said, diplomatically.

“I think most valuable is such a tough thing to assess,” he said.

Kershaw won the Cy Young for the second year in a row, getting all 30 first-place votes in balloting by members of the Baseball Writers’ Association of America.

Johnny Cueto of Cincinnati was second with 112 points, fol-



AP
Clayton Kershaw, seen here getting ready to pitch in an undated file photo, was the unanimous choice for the NL Cy Young Award.

lowed by Adam Wainwright of St. Louis (97) and World Series MVP Madison Bumgarner of San Francisco (28).

Voting was completed before the postseason began. Kershaw went 0-2 with a 7.82 ERA in a Division Series loss to St. Louis, leaving him at 1-5 with a 5.12 ERA in his playoff career.

“For me, personally, the sea-

son didn’t end the way I wanted to,” Kershaw said.

Kluber’s dominant second half helped him draw 17 of 30 first-place votes and 169 points, while Seattle ace King Felix got 13 firsts and 159 points. Chris Sale of the Chicago White Sox was third with 78 points.

“I think I’m definitely surprised,” said Kluber, who “just

assumed” Hernandez would win.

Nicknamed “Klubot” for his stoic demeanor, his plans after the announcement were far from flashy.

“Probably go home and give my daughters a bath,” he said.

A 28-year-old righty, Kluber went 18-9 to tie for the AL lead in wins. He had a 2.44 ERA in his first full major league season and 269 strikeouts, two behind league leader David Price.

Kluber had consecutive 14-strikeout games in September, not done since Arizona’s Randy Johnson in 2004. He became Cleveland’s fourth Cy Young winner, joining Gaylord Perry (1972), CC Sabathia (2007) and Cliff Lee (2008).

“To have your name mentioned along with theirs in certain categories is humbling,” Kluber said.

Hernandez, who won the AL award in 2010, went 15-6 with a league-leading 2.14 ERA. He struck out 248 in 236 innings.

“I don’t know what to say. That was tough,” Hernandez said. “A little disappointed.”

Kershaw won the major league season opener in Australia on March 22, then a strained upper back put him on the disabled list for the first time in his seven-year career.

Once he returned, he kept looking more and more like his friend, Dodgers Hall of Fame lefty Sandy Koufax.

Kershaw joined Koufax as one of nine pitchers with at least

three Cy Youngs. Roger Clemens leads the list with seven.

The previous pitcher with a unanimous win was Detroit’s Justin Verlander, who took the AL Cy Young and MVP in 2011. A year earlier, Philadelphia’s Roy Halladay unanimously won the NL Cy Young.

Verlander is among six AL pitchers to take the Cy Young and MVP since Gibson’s NL sweep nearly a half-century ago.

Kershaw became the first pitcher to lead the majors in ERA for four straight years. He topped baseball this season in complete games and was best among starters in strikeouts per nine innings and WHIP (walks plus hits per inning).

He struck out 239 in 198 1-3 innings, three behind NL co-leaders Stephen Strasburg and Cueto.

Kershaw’s crowning achievement was the first no-hitter of his career, at Dodger Stadium against Colorado on June 18. Soon after, he was picked for his fourth All-Star team.

Kershaw came within one Cy vote of being unanimous last year. Tim Lincecum had been the last NL pitcher to win back-to-back Cys, in 2008-09 for the Giants.

The Cy Young was first awarded in 1956. Up through the 1966 season, there was only one selection from both leagues.

Kershaw earned a \$1 million bonus and Kluber got \$10,000.

SIDEBAR

Red Sox reportedly ‘all-in’ on free agent slugger Sandoval

BOSTON (AP) — The Boston Red Sox are reportedly “all-in” on free agent third baseman Pablo Sandoval, the San Francisco Giants fan favorite who is nicknamed Kung-Fu Panda. Sandoval watched his stock rise throughout another successful postseason with the Giants, to the point where he’s more in-demand now than he would have been at the end of September.

In 2014, Sandoval hit 16 homers and drove in 73 runs, with a .279/.324/.415 slash, not exactly earth-shattering numbers and a bit below his 162-game career average: 20 homers, 86 RBIs, 294/.346/.465.

But he hit .366 in the postseason with an OPS of .888, plus he made a number of stellar defensive plays at third. It was enough to make the Red Sox think Sandoval’s the guy to fill their hole at third base.

Sandoval is seen as an ideal fit for the Red Sox because he meets their need for a left-

handed bat (he’s a switch-hitter), he plays third base (a black hole for Boston in 2014), and he could ultimately succeed David Ortiz as the team’s designated hitter.

Red Sox GM Ben Cherington said Tuesday he met the day before with Gustavo Vazquez, Sandoval’s agent, and that the sides had a “constructive” conversation.

Imagine Sandoval with David Ortiz and Yoenis Cespedes in Boston. They’d be a fun team to watch —and a daunting lineup to pitch against. Ortiz is said to have pitched Sandoval on coming to Boston during the World Series (Ortiz was an analyst for Fox). The Red Sox are also pushing Sandoval to visit Boston, according to Nick Cafardo of the Boston Globe, hoping that Fenway Park’s powers of seduction work on Sandoval.

Despite the Red Sox’s push for Sandoval, the Giants are

still seen by some as the favorite to retain his services. He said after the World Series parade he’d like to stay in San Francisco for the rest of his career, but seemed intent on exploring the free-agent market too. Fox Sports’ Ken Rosenthal said it’s down to the Red Sox and Giants at this point, unless a new team joins the pursuit.

The question here is whether the Red Sox drive Sandoval’s price up past what the Giants are willing to pay. Sandoval is seeking a six-year deal that could reach \$100 million. He turned down a three-year offer from the Giants worth about \$40 million in the spring. At the time, it was reported that Sandoval wanted a contract like the Giants have Hunter Pence — five years and \$90 million.

With the Red Sox in the hunt and the Giants trying to keep up, he’s likely to get that. And possibly more.

Seahawks TE Miller done for season



RENTON, Wash. (AP)—Initially the Seattle Seahawks hoped Zach Miller’s recovery from ankle surgery would cause him to miss only a few games.

The longer Miller’s recovery took the more it seemed Wednesday’s roster move of placing him on season-ending injured reserve was the likely outcome.

“He’s going to have to have some more attention to the ankle,” Seattle coach Pete Carroll said. “It didn’t respond the way we had hoped.”

Miller’s season came to an end because of the struggles he had in recovering from surgery during Seattle’s bye week after its Week 3 victory over Denver. Carroll said Miller will need a second surgery to get the problems in his ankle fully fixed.

“He’s pretty matter of fact about it. He doesn’t feel right. He’s not ready. It’s not like he’s close to getting back. It’s been a long process,” Carroll said.

“He had a nasty ankle. They were hoping to not have to do a really big surgery that he would be able to respond from it to get him a chance to play this year. It just isn’t that way.”

Miller’s surgery happened early enough in the season that Seattle expected he would return later in the season. Miller got to the point of running on the ground in his recovery, but could never progress any further. Miller traveled with the team for Seattle’s game at Carolina to see a specialist, but there wasn’t significant enough improvement.

Miller is in his fourth season with the Seahawks. He had six receptions for 76 yards in Seattle’s first three games this season

and has been regarded as one of the best blocking tight ends in the league. He’s been replaced by Luke Willson as the starter, but Seattle has injury worries at tight end.

Willson sprained his ankle last week against the Giants, but has hopes of playing this week, and backup Cooper Helfet has been dealing with a knee injury. Seattle has brought in veteran Tony Moeaki and RaShaun Allen to add depth at the position.

“It just seemed like the ankle, I don’t know the whole medical side, but didn’t seem like it cooperated on him. I saw Zach working every day and looked like he was pretty close,” Willson said. “But I feel really comfortable in the role, just from all the experience a little bit last year and then all the games this year.”

Suns rally from 19 down to beat Nets



PHOENIX (AP)—Gerald Green came off the bench to score 28 points as the Phoenix Suns erased a 19-point deficit to beat the Brooklyn Nets 112-104 on Wednesday night.

Isaiah Thomas added 17 points off the bench for the Suns. Joe Johnson led the Nets with 21 points.

In addition to his scoring, Green came up with a steal that led to a fast-break layup and three-point play by Goran Dragic for a decisive 106-99 lead.

The Nets led 63-49 at half-time thanks to a brilliant performance by Johnson, who had 13 points, four rebounds and two steals in the half. Early in the second quarter, Johnson scored five in 15 seconds by drilling a 3-pointer, stealing a pass by the Suns' Alex Len and roaring down the floor for a dunk.

Lopez had 16 points at the break as the Nets shot 71 percent from the field.

The Nets put together a 12-0 run to take a 29-13 lead. They led 38-19 early in the second quarter.

The Nets, though they entered the game as a higher-scoring team than the Suns (104.7 to 103.7), vowed before the game to slow the game's pace and not let the Suns play their up-tempo style.

It worked for a half. Then the Nets gradually gave in to the Suns' preferred pace, Thomas and Green went to work, and the Suns made their move and took over the game.

Phoenix snapped a five-game losing streak vs. the Nets...The teams feature three sets of brothers: Nets center Mason Plumlee and Suns center Miles Plumlee; the Suns' twin forwards Markieff and Marcus Morris; and guards Goran and Zoran Dragic of the Suns.

In addition to his 21 points, Johnson grabbed five rebounds. In the Nets' previous game, Johnson passed the 4,000 career-rebounding mark, making him only the seventh NBA player to record 17,000 points, 4,000 rebounds, 4,000 assists and 1,600 three-pointers. Nets rookie Bojan Bogdanovic followed up his career-high 22 points on Sunday against Orlando by going 4 of 14 for 14 points vs. the Suns.

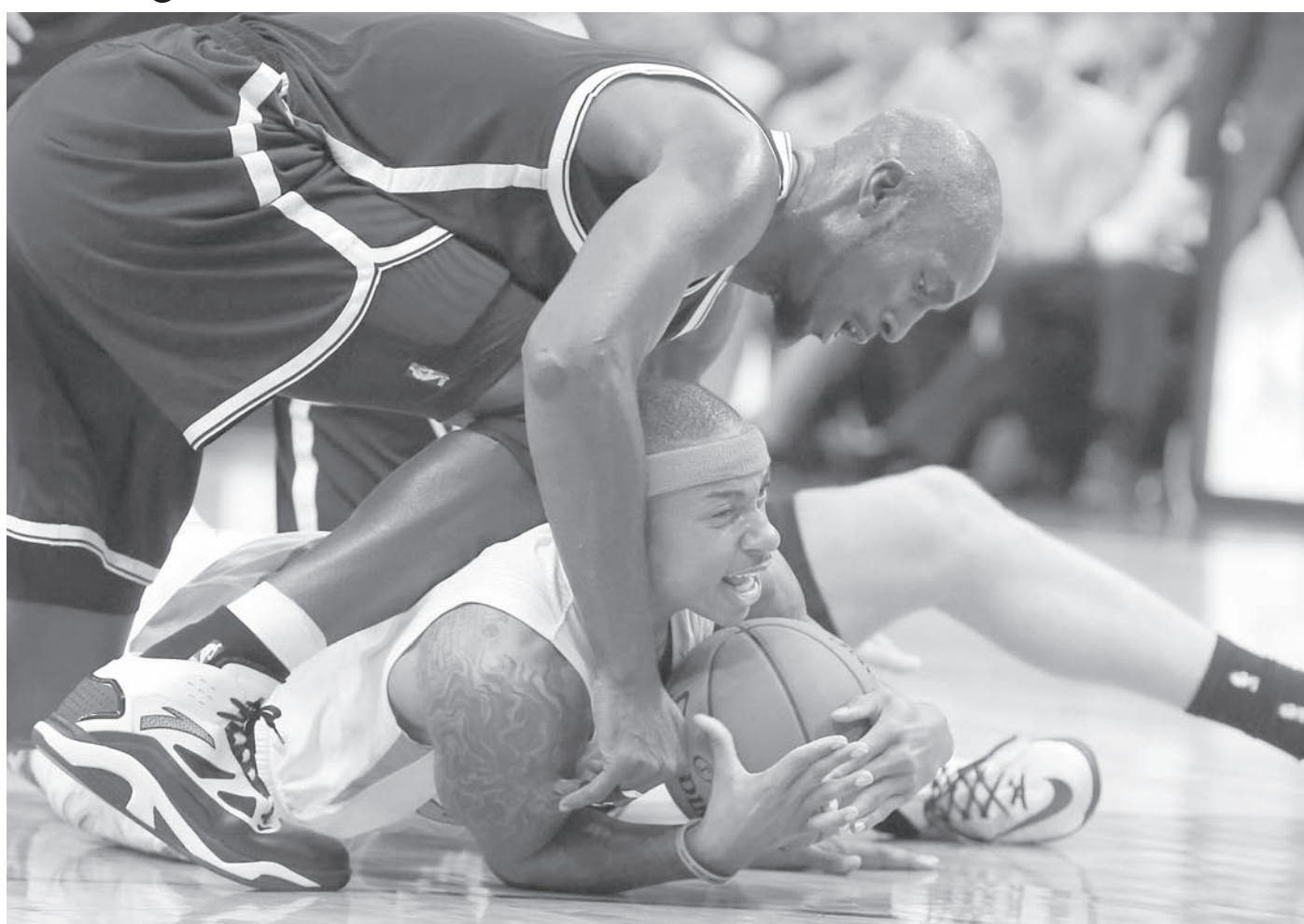
Pelicans 109, Lakers 102

In New Orleans, Anthony Davis had 25 points, 12 rebounds and six blocked shots, and the New Orleans Pelicans pulled away from the reeling Los Angeles Lakers for a 109-102 victory Wednesday night.

Tyreke Evans had 19 points and 11 assists for New Orleans. Ryan Anderson and Jrue Holiday each added 17 points.

Kobe Bryant scored 33 on 10-of-28 shooting, one night after setting the NBA record for most missed field goals in a career.

Carlos Boozer had 16 points and Jeremy Lin 15 for the Lak-



Phoenix Suns' Isaiah Thomas, bottom, tries to call a timeout while keeping the ball away from Brooklyn Nets' Kevin Garnett during the second half of an NBA basketball game Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2014, in Phoenix. The Suns defeated the Nets 112-104.

held to 19 in the fourth quarter and still haven't reached 100 this season.

New York had a chance at the end, but J.R. Smith was nowhere close on a potential winning 3-pointer. Smith finished with 19 points.

Orlando snapped a four-game losing streak in New York.

Hawks 100, Jazz 97

In Atlanta, Paul Millsap had 30 points and 17 rebounds, and Jeff Teague added 17 points to help Atlanta beat Utah.

Kyle Korver's 3-pointer from the left wing with 58 seconds to play put the Hawks up 100-97 and marked the game's 18th lead change.

Alec Burks finished with 22 points and Derrick Favors scored 20 for the Jazz.

Utah led by eight with 4:34 remaining, but the Jazz failed to score again, missing their final seven shots.

Korver had 17 points and 10 rebounds for Atlanta, which has won three straight. The only other points scored in the final minute were a pair of free throws from Teague with 5.7 seconds remaining.

ers, who dropped to 1-7.

The Lakers were as close as 63-60 in the middle of the third quarter, but the Pelicans closed the period on a 22-12 run that included nine points from Holiday.

New Orleans outscored Los Angeles 60-34 in the paint and shot 54.9 percent compared to 41.7 percent for the Lakers.

Rockets 113, Timberwolves 101

In Mexico City, Dwight Howard had 22 points and 10 rebounds, James Harden scored 23 points and added 10 assists, and Houston beat Minnesota in the NBA's first regular-season game played south of the border since 1997.

Howard, who missed the Rockets' only loss of the season Saturday against Golden State, came back strong. He was 9 of 16 from the field and blocked four shots in 33 minutes.

Trevor Ariza had 19 points and Kostas Papanikolaou scored a career-high 14 for the Rockets (7-1), who tied Memphis for the best record in the Western Conference.

With point guard Ricky Rubio sidelined indefinitely after spraining his left ankle last Friday, the Timberwolves lost their third in a row. Corey Brewer scored 18 points for Minnesota.

The teams played without a problem nearly a year after a game between the San Antonio Spurs and Timberwolves was canceled because a short circuit in a generator room sent smoke and fumes inside the Mexico City Arena during warmups.

Pacers 81, Heat 75

In Miami, Chris Copeland scored 17 points and put Indiana ahead to stay on a layup with 43 seconds left, and Roy Hibbert had 16 points and 15 rebounds to help the undermanned Pacers

beat Miami.

Donald Sloan added 15 points for Indiana, which has won two straight after a 1-6 start.

Dwyane Wade scored 20 for Miami, which trailed by seven in the fourth quarter before tying the game twice but never recapturing the lead.

The Pacers outrebounded Miami 53-28, and the Heat missed 10 of 18 free throws. Chris Bosh was held to a season-low nine points on 3-for-13 shooting.

Miami had three late shots at the lead, but a jumper by Luol Deng missed, Hibbert blocked a dunk attempt by Deng, and Bosh airballed a 3-pointer.

Indiana was missing six players, including four-fifths of its starting lineup from the last Pacers-Heat meeting — that being Game 6 of last season's Eastern Conference finals. Hibbert was the lone returning first-stringer from that rivalry.

Blazers 130, Nuggets 113

In Denver, Damian Lillard had 27 points and a season-high nine assists as Portland used a huge first half to hand skidding Denver its sixth straight defeat.

The Trail Blazers led 84-50 at halftime, one basket from matching the team record for points in a half (86) set against Golden State on Jan. 5, 1986.

Portland showed no signs of fatigue, despite expending plenty of energy the night before in coming back from a 23-point deficit to hold off Charlotte at the buzzer.

Robin Lopez scored 15 of his 19 points in the decisive first half. LaMarcus Aldridge finished with 12.

Ty Lawson had 32 points for the Nuggets, who went on a 15-0 run in the third quarter and still trailed by 21.

Wizards 107, Pistons 103

In Washington, John Wall had 27 points and 11 assists as Washington held off Detroit.

The teams traded the lead on five consecutive baskets before Wall's jumper with 1:11 to play put the Wizards ahead 101-100. Marcin Gortat, who had 13 points and 14 rebounds, dunked with 38 seconds to play, giving Washington a three-point lead.

Rasual Butler had 18 points for the Wizards. His two free throws with 4 seconds to play put Washington ahead 107-103. Butler made seven of his eight field goal attempts.

Detroit lost for the third straight time and fell to 2-6. Brandon Jennings scored 16 of his 32 points in the first quarter.

Thunder 109, Celtics 94

In Boston, Reggie Jackson had 28 points and eight assists, and Anthony Morrow scored 28 to lift injury-riddled Oklahoma City over Boston.

It was the second win in six games for the Thunder, who are missing stars Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook.

Jackson, a standout at nearby Boston College from 2008-11, posted his big game a night after scoring a career-high 29 in a loss at Milwaukee.

Rajon Rondo just missed his second triple-double of the season with 20 points, 12 assists and nine rebounds. Avery Bradley added 17 points for Boston, which had won its last two.

The Celtics went 9 for 33 from beyond the 3-point line.

Magic 97, Knicks 95

In New York, Evan Fournier scored a career-high 28 points and Orlando bounced back from a poor finish with a good one, handing New York its sixth

straight loss.

Nikola Vucevic added 20 points and 13 rebounds for the Magic, who led by 11 after three quarters in Toronto a night earlier, only to lose 104-100. This time, they trailed 85-84 midway through the final period before taking control.

Carmelo Anthony scored 27 points for the Knicks, who were

SIDEBAR

Nowitzki savors 'amazing ride' after setting NBA scoring record

German-born Dirk Nowitzki's journey to become the National Basketball Association's highest scoring non-American player was anything but traditional but the Dallas Mavericks forward still calls it an "amazing ride."

Nowitzki surpassed Nigerian Hakeem Olajuwon and moved into ninth place on the NBA's all-time scoring list on Tuesday when he drained a mid-range jumper during the fourth quarter of a come-from-behind win over visiting Sacramento.

"It was a really special moment to do it at home in front of the fans who have been with me through my 16-17 years here and they gave me a great standing ovation," Nowitzki, 36, said during a conference call on Wednesday.

"At the next timeout they showed a video with moments from my career - that was really special and definitely I had some goosebumps."

"I was just thinking what an amazing ride it has been and how lucky I have been to really come here with an open mind and have people be great to me."

Nowitzki was selected with the ninth pick of the 1998 NBA Draft by the Milwaukee Bucks and then was promptly traded to Dallas later that day.

The shaggy-haired forward averaged 8.2 points during his rookie campaign and, even though he had 17.5 points per game in his second season, it was not immediately clear that Nowitzki would blossom into a surefire Hall of Famer.

Nowitzki entered Tuesday's game needing 17 points to pass Olajuwon, who finished his Hall of Fame career with 26,946 points from a career spent with Houston and Toronto.

"If you had told me 17 years ago that one day I would pass Hakeem Olajuwon's record, I would have said you are absolutely crazy," said Nowitzki, who scored 23 points in the win.

"I was lucky that Mark Cuban bought the team in my second year to really turn the franchise around. It was more a losing franchise in the 1990's and then he bought it ... everything changed and all of sudden the Mavericks were relevant again."

Pacquiao is past his best, says Amir Khan



Amir Khan said that Manny Pacquiao is past his peak and age and distractions have begun to get the better of him.

The Filipino, 35, fights against American Chris Algieri for the WBO world welterweight title in Macau, China, on November 22 and Khan has backed him to come through.

But the Briton, who is con-

fident of securing a superfight with Pacquiao or Floyd Mayweather Jr after he takes on American Devon Alexander next month, said former sparring partner 'Pac Man' has shown clear signs of decline.

"The relentlessness, power and explosiveness are all gone with Pacquiao and he's not like he used to be," Khan told ESPN's Inside Boxing.

"The power he had when he knocked out the likes of Ricky

Hatton, you don't see that now because he's boxing more than he used to."

Pacquiao has revived his career after two defeats in 2012 when he was controversially out-pointed by American Tim Bradley and was then knocked

out in the sixth round by Mexican Juan Manuel Marquez.

He has since out-pointed Bradley and Brandon Rios but former training partner Khan was not impressed.

"Algieri's style suits him, but Pacquiao's last few performanc-

es have not been the best," Khan said. "He has been caught a bit and it might be tough for him this next one."

"In his last four fights, Brandon Rios was made for Pacquiao and the Tim Bradley and Juan Manuel Marquez fights

took a lot out of him. He's getting older - he's 35 - and he's got a lot of distractions in his life now. He's staying in the Philippines to train now and you can see people are pulling him here, there and everywhere. He's also getting into politics.



Manny Pacquiao will duel American Chris Algieri for the WBO world welterweight title in Macau later this month.

Destroyers secure Masters division crown

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The Jokers Destroyers are only waiting for the 2014 Bud Light Saipan Electronic Darts Association's season to end to formally claim the Masters division crown.

The Destroyers are on top of the 4-team field with a 130-74 card, but have to wait for at least two more weeks to officially claim the title. They improved their record after scoring a 10-7 win over the cellar-dwelling Smoke Pub Masters Outlawz (70-134) in last week's matches held in various bars on the island.

The Destroyers enjoy a comfortable 24-game lead over sister-team TRA-Bull Makerz (106-98), but the latter is still not assured of a runner-up finish as Sand Juvy Shoot Balut is at close third with an even 102-

102 slate.

In the Tuesday league, Smoke High On Darts coasted to a 14-1 triumph over the Darthaolics to tie their victims with similar 88-92 records, while the Jokers Dabarkads (97-83) scored a one-sided 13-2 win against the Sand Juvy 22 Snipers (81-99).

Division leader Marupok (113-67), one of four teams backed by Smoke Pub, pulled off a 9-6 decision over sister team Smoke Pub D'Mekaniks (94-86) and the Route33 Mixblood Shooters (94-86) nipped Oleai Team Fearless (75-105), 8-7.

In the Ladies category, the Jokers Kitty Kats (90-60) drubbed Smoke Pub Ladies Bull-It (65-85), 10-5, to move within three wins of Sand Juvy Vicious Darties (87-63), while lowly Jokers G-Side Shooters (71-94) and Route33 Avengers (69-81) scored similar 9-6 victo-

ries over the Naked Fish Dartin' Divas (82-68) and the Smoke Pub Mixed Nuts (76-89).

The Jokers Latte Darts continue to enjoy the top spot in the Kingfisher division after posting a 10-5 decision against closest pursuer Route33 Chagi Fan. The Latte Darts holds a 129-51 slate, while Chagi Fan is at 123-57.

In other results, the Dart Knights (119-61) routed the Jokers BSEA Sunsports (81-99), 11-4, while Naked Fish Hafa Mas nipped the Jokers Darty Minded, 8-7, to tie their victims at 103-77.

In the Flame Tree division, the Serial Killaz drubbed the One Shot, 11-4, the Dart Balas tripped Figan, 13-2, while Kyodai and Warriors escaped with thrilling 8-7 wins over the Ridin'Darty and Na'Gupu.

The Smoke Pub D'Mekaniks edged Route33 Mixblood

Shooters, 8-7, to lead the winners in the Fanihi division. The Chagi Fan and No Fear defeated the 80 Proofers and Warriors, 9-6, respectively, while the Sand Juvy Put3ska clipped the Bud Kings, 11-4.

The Spartans blitzed past the Snipers, 12-3, Ta Chagi mauled Blue Koi, 11-4, the Disciples and Feelin' Lucky rolled to 9-6 wins over Bull It and VFW, respectively, while the Breakers slipped past Jump It, 8-7, in the Chichirika division.

Four of the 5 matches in the A division ended in lopsided results with the Predators leading the way after completing a 14-3 demolition of the Bud Brothers, while the Ridin'Darty bamboozled the Proofers, 13-4. The Outlawz and the Mixblood Shooters scored similar 11-6 decisions over Sakude and Comatose, respectively, and the Mafia edged the Hunters, 9-8.

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technical free throw, but Ivan Devero missed. The team also had another trip to the foul line for a technical foul, which was called against Shirley's bench, as it failed to bring Dela Rosa out of the playing court. Dela Rosa's boobo did not end there, as he flashed a dirty finger before leaving the court. MBI/Anchor's Angelo Fernando canned the technical charity

to tie the game, 74-all, as Art Trajano earlier made a point-blanked shot.

Seeing his team in danger, Esdrelon stepped up and scored four straight points off a jumper and an incomplete 3-point play to give Shirley's more cushion, 78-74. Shirley's never looked back from thereon with Rabasto and Duenas canning clutch baskets and MBI/Anchor committing costly errors.

Duenas drilled four of Shirley's last five field goals in the final four minutes of the

match, including the icing on the cake in the remaining 1.7 seconds of the intense game. Rabasto converted a fastbreak layup against two MBI/Anchor defenders, as Shirley's threatened to up its lead to twin digits, 82-74.

The diminutive point guard also made a big defensive stop under the two-minute mark, as he forced Fernando to commit a backing violation instead of escaping with a breakaway layup. It was a frustrating final two minutes for Fernando and MBI, as he was earlier blocked by Esdrelon on his way to a baseline shot. Also a few possessions earlier, Pete Lizama threw a wild pass to Devero and Shirley's turned the turnover into points with Rabasto on the finishing end.

Esdrelon and Duenas top-

scored for Shirley's, firing 23 points each, while Dela Rosa, who is now barred from playing in the remaining games of the best-of-three title series, left the match with 11 markers. Rommel Usi contributed 9 to somehow make up for the absence of Pagarao, while Rabasto added 8, 6 of them came in the second half.

Fernando paced MBI/Anchor with his 25 points, while Capalad and Lizama logged 18 each, but the latter had only two field goals in the second half. Devero was also a missing link on MBI/Anchor's offense, as he scored only 8 points.

With both teams knowing the importance of winning first in a short series, neither squad seemed willing to give in as shown in their scores in the first three quarters: 20-20, 47-46

(MBI ahead), 69-67 (Shirley's on top). There were 13 deadlocks, according to game announcer Alvin Alvarez, while lead changes were also more than 10.

MBI/Anchor forced the last standoff, 74-all, but Shirley's showed poise in the end to extend its winning run in the league to 10.

Meanwhile, Game 2 will be played tonight at 7pm with Shirley's hoping for a sweep and an unbeaten record in the inaugural season and MBI aiming to extend the series.

Shirley's 89 – Duenas 23, Esdrelon 23, Dela Rosa 11, Usi 9, Rabasto 8, Drillon 4, Manibusan 3, Jugos 3, Aguilar 2.

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in Nishinomiya, Hyogo Prefecture in Japan.

The Oceania regional champion will compete against 11 other teams namely, Africa (one), Americas (five), Asia (three), and Europe (two).

Despite deciding not to compete in the Oceania event, the CNMI still has a chance to participate in off-island tournaments. Rogolifo said the CNMI received invitations to play in various tournaments in Cleveland and Indiana next year.

"In Cleveland, the home of LeBron James, we got invited to play baseball and basketball. The only problem is funding. We'll see if we can come up with the funds for next year," Rogolifo said.

MBI/Anchor 80 – Fernando 25, Capalad 18, Lizama 18, Trajano 10, Devero 8, Garcia 1.

Scoring by quarters: 20-20, 46-47, 69-67, 89-80.

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Fradel Sedillo and Justin Tan found the back of the net in the 67th and 75th minute. Kanoa avoided a shutout thanks to Kosuke Sato's goal in the 79th minute.

Interscholastic league kicks off

Meanwhile, the NMIFA U12 Interscholastic Football League started yesterday at the various school fields on Saipan.

The league has competition in both boys and girls U12 age group with teams divided into two groups. The South Group has Dandan Middle School, Koblerville Elementary School, San Vicente Elementary School, and Kagman Elementary School, while the North Group is composed of Saipan International School, William S. Reyes Elementary School, Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School, and Garapan Elementary School.

The league has a double round-robin format in the regular season and once games are completed, playoffs will start next month. Games are played every Tuesday and Thursday with teams in the boys division playing first at 3:30pm and the girls squads seeing action at 4:30pm.

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with his studies since he is a student first and an athlete second. He is also doing light training in football practices and working out at the gym to keep in shape.

"If I'm not at football practice or working out, you can find me in the classroom. That's all the time I have right now. I'm trying to keep my grades up during football season," Talalemotu said.

Despite the challenging schedule of being a student-athlete, Talalemotu said he has managed to juggle his academic work with football.

"It's challenging at times but if you just put your mind to it and get your work done it's not that hard."

With the season almost over, he said that he will give it all that he's got in the Vikings' final season game.

"I'm just going to continue to work hard and play harder. The

season is almost over so I have to give it all I got," said Talalemotu, who is still undecided what to do after he graduates at PSU two years from now.

The 6'3", 275-lb Talalemotu moved from Saipan to Beaverton, Oregon to finish high school where he was spotted by PSU scouts. His final year at Beaverton High earned him a third team All-Metro League honors.

After graduating in high school in 2011, he red-shirted for PSU in 2012 and the following year made his debut as a defensive tackle where he played 11 games as a backup defensive end, registering 15 tackles, two in a Vikings loss, and 1.5 sacks.

University of Montana, University of North Dakota, Northern Arizona University, University of California-Davis, University of Northern Colorado, California Polytechnic State University, and Southern Utah University, are the other Big Sky Conference teams.

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freestyle (31.41 seconds), while Norita tallied 6 for rounding out the Top 3 in the 12 to 14's 50m backstroke (1:09.53).

In the relay, Tanapag gained 18 points, as Sato, Takahashi, Tammy, and Suzuki completed the 200m medley relay in 2:36.24.

Tanapag won the middle school division convincingly, as its closest pursuer—Whispering Palms—gathered only 78 points. Last year's champion Hopwood Junior High School completed the Top 3 after getting 73 points, followed by Saipan International School

(24), Eucon International School (19), San Antonio Middle School (18), Saipan Community School (16), and Grace Christian Academy (10).

In the high school division, Marianas High School was the runaway winner after collecting 121 points. SIS and Mount Carmel School were the two other schools to join the division and earned 59 and 25 points, respectively.

The Dolphins, who finished third last year behind GCA and SIS, were composed of Angel Marie Tan, Angel De Jesus, David Boyer, Daima Rivera, Kaito Yanai, Kento Akimaru, Salofi Welch, Gabrielle Race, and Negahr Rastguiy.

Fast-pitch softball, golf want to join Pacific Games

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Fast-pitch softball and golf are hoping to be included on the CNMI's official delegation to the 15th Pacific Games set from July 4 to 18 in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea next year.

Initially, the CNMI will be competing in only 5 of the 26 sports lined up for the 2015 Games with athletics beach volleyball, bodybuilding, lawn tennis, and triathlon confirming its participation to Northern Marianas Sports Association early this year.

Softball, after years of inactivity, wanted to join the list with Rose Ada-Hocog at the forefront of reviving the association. Ada-Hocog said their group must first get their charter to be recognized and accepted as a NMSA member.

"We just responded to NMSA's request of reviving some sports that have been inactive for a long time. We need to get our association going,"



added Ada-Hocog, who will furnish NMSA president Mike White a copy of their group's charter for review.

White has also requested Ada-Hocog to include men's softball under their new group since NMSA recognizes only one federation.

Ada-Hocog added that she and several former female fast-pitch softball players are helping train a group of high school girls, while male players are also willing to get a team organized.

Tony Rogolifoi, meanwhile, said that they plan to hold tryouts for the CNMI golf team before the end of the year to give the selected players a chance to practice and train before the July quadrennial sporting event.

"I will check with the group first but the tryout is open to all golfers who are qualified under the Pacific Games eligibility rules," said Rogolifoi.

The Pacific Games Council's eligibility rules allow athletes who are citizens of the country they are representing to compete and they should have resid-



ed there for five straight years.

NMSA is asking all sports federations competing in PNG next year to submit their entries by the end of the year.

In related news, Jordan Kosam, who is currently off-island, has also mentioned to White that he plans to send a shooting team to the Pacific Games.

Other sports to be played in next year's Games are basketball, beach soccer, boxing, cricket, football, hockey, karate, lawn bowls, powerlifting, rugby 7s, rugby league, squash, table tennis, taekwondo, touch rugby, va'a, volleyball, weightlifting, and the medal rich swimming.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Marianas High School's Jayna Lizama throws a pitch, while a Saipan Southern High School runner gets ready to steal third base during their title game in the 2013-2014 season of the MISO fast-pitch softball League at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan Ballfield. Fast-pitch softball is hoping to join the CNMI's delegation to the 2015 Pacific Games in Papua New Guinea.

NMI cancels Oceania baseball trip



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Tony Rogolifoi, third from right, seen here in a huddle with umpires and Pohnpei coaches during the 2014 Micronesian Games, said the CNMI will not be competing in the Baseball Confederation of Oceania Under-18 tournament in New Zealand.

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Lack of funds and the high cost of travel prompted two-



time gold medal-winning manager Tony Rogolifoi to call off the planned

trip of the CNMI youth baseball team to the Baseball Confederation of Oceania Under-18 tournament.

The tournament was originally set at the Paseo Stadium in Agana, Guam in January 2015, but organizers decided to move it to New Zealand.

"I already have the names of those who will be included on the team. We could have formed a good, strong, and competitive team but it's too expensive to go there," said Rogolifoi.

He added that although they really wanted to compete, it is impossible to raise funds for the New Zealand trip with less than two months left.

The champion of the BCO U18 tournament will represent the Oceania region in the 2015 International Baseball Federation 18U World Championships

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5 teams notch easy wins in M-League

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MP United led four other teams in registering easy victories in the M-League last Sunday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

MP United walloped Korean Football Association on Saipan, 8-0, in the second Division I game last weekend.

Joe Miller anchored MP United's rout of KFAS, scoring three goals in the lopsided game. Zhi Peng Lin chipped in two, while Jehn Joyner, Raymond Mercado and Greg Sablan added one. Miller heated up MP United's offense with an early goal in the fifth minute, while Sablan made it to the board nine minutes later for their 2-0 halftime advantage.

The CNMI National Team member then started the second half with back-to-back goals, as he scored in the 48th and 50th. Joyner got his first in the 57th before Lin finished KFAS off with his own pair of goals (60th and 66th), while Mercado recorded MP United's last in the 80th.

In other Division 1 pairing, Wild Bill's also shut down Paire, 2-0.

Tanapon Unsa hit both goals for Wild Bill's, lighting up the board in the 29th minute and 84th.

In Division 2, Matansa cruised past the CNMI Women's National Team, 5-1.

Ahmed Titu starred in the victory with his hat-trick, while Young Ja Hwang and Kamrul Kamrul contributed one each. Jeralyn Castillo tallied the lone goal for the Women's National Team.

Titu highlighted his hat-trick with two straight goals in the first half and capped his impressive performance last weekend by scoring Matansa's final goal in the match. Kamrul and Hwang posted their goals also in the second half, while Castillo put WNT in the board in the first frame.

In the second Division 2 match of the night, World Resort topped the Thundercats, 5-2.

Hoin Ryu powered World Resort to the victory, as he logged the third hat-trick of the night, making all three goals in the first half to lift his team to a 4-1 lead.

Timothy Tawanpiy scored the Thundercats' first goal and also tallied the second one, which was match by Chettri Dhiraj's goal in the 75th. It was Dhiraj's second goal in the match, as he got his first in the 18th minute after Hoin opened the scoring for World Resort eight minutes earlier.

In the final match of the night, Shirley's FC defeated Kanoa FC, 3-1.

Three different players hit the board for Shirley's FC with Mareko Tekopua breaking the ice in the 39th minute, while

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Shirley's FC's Raymond Zapanta goes for a throw-in during an earlier game in the M-League against Matansa Football Club at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

SIDEBAR

6 teams for new SBL season

Saipan Baseball League coordinator Tony Rogolifoi said he is looking to have at least six teams for the upcoming season next year.

The new SBL season is tentatively set on Jan. 12 with renovations at the Francisco M. "Tan Ko" Palacios baseball field done thanks to funds donated by various generous contributors.

Rogolifoi said he would organize a meeting with the managers, coaches or representatives of interested teams

to further discuss details of the new season. The meeting is set by the end of the month.

He added interested teams should start organizing their rosters and order their uniforms.

Waiver forms are now available at the Northern Marianas Sports Association office inside the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. Entrance fee is \$1,000 and teams are allowed to submit a 25-member roster.

For more information, call Rogolifoi at 234-6672. (JP)



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Shirley's survives MBI in Game 1

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Shirley's Coffee Shop showed composure in the homestretch to pull off an 89-80 win against Micronesian Brothers, Inc. in Game 1 of their short title series in the 2014 JP World Corp. Customer Appreciation Basketball League last Wednesday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Matt Duenas, Elmer Esdrelon, and Sean Rabasto bailed Shirley's out of trouble, as the team played without Lerio Pag-
arao in the entire game and Erick Dela Rosa in the last 6:55 of the fourth quarter. Pagarao had to attend to his



pregnant wife, while Dela Rosa was ejected from the game after an altercation with MBI/Anchor's White Capalad. The confrontation happened after the two players jockeyed for position in the rebound play with Dela Rosa claiming he was kicked by Capalad, who on the other hand, accused the former of elbowing him.

Players from both camps and the referees quickly stepped in to break up the two players, but Shirley's later failed to pacify Dela Rosa, who went to the officials table and continued to complain. Both players were then slapped with a warning, but Dela Rosa's infraction was converted to a technical foul because he got his first warning earlier in the first half. He was eventually ejected from the match for crossing the line and going to the officials' table.

MBI/Anchor was awarded a

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Shirley's Coffee Shop's Sean Rabasto drives against three MBI/Anchor defenders during the fourth quarter of Game 1 of their title series in the JP World caging last Wednesday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.



Savali recovering from minor injury, focuses on his studies



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Savali Talalemotu, right, had 8 tackles and 2.5 sacks and forced a fumble in the PSU Vikings' 13-31 loss to the Idaho State Bengals.

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Former Kagman High School cager-turned-football player Savali Talalemotu is keeping himself busy with his studies after missing two straight games for the Portland State University Vikings in the NCAA Division I's Big Sky Conference.

Talalemotu, playing defensive tackle and a back-up defensive end, suffered a minor injury in the fourth quarter of the PSU Vikings' 13-31 loss to the Idaho State Bengals late last month.

The Criminology and Criminal Justice major said he's doing fine after playing

pretty well in the Vikings last few games before he suffered a concussion in the final minutes of the fourth quarter in their game against the Bengals.

The Big Sky Conference's season is almost over with the Vikings to play their final road game this Saturday when they visit the Sacramento State Hornets and then host cross-state rivals Eastern Washington Eagles on Nov. 21 for their last match.

Talalemotu is resting and missed the Vikings' game against the Montana State Bobcats (29-22). He is also doubtful in PSU's match against Sacramento State on Saturday.

Now, he has concentrated

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Tanapag, MHS triumph in All Schools

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Tanapag Middle School and Marianas High School topped their respective divisions in Saipan Swim Club's 21st All Schools Swimming Championships held last Saturday at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.

Tanapag clinched the middle school championship after collecting 128 points and besting seven other schools. Tanapag banked on Miku Tammy, Taiga Sato, Lenosuke Suzuki, Rinto Takahashi, Megumi Yoshino, Aika Watanabe, Sami Nimura, and Mark Norita in ruling the division.

Watanabe gave Tanapag 18 points when she finished first both in the girls 11 to 13's 50m breaststroke event (49.75 seconds) and 50m butterfly (41.87 seconds), while Miku Tammy also chipped in 18 for prevailing

in the 50m backstroke (35.84 seconds) and 100m backstroke (1:18.56)

Yoshino finished second to Tammy in the 50m backstroke to notch 7 points and the former gained 5 more in the girls 11 to 14's 50m freestyle where she finished fifth (42.08 seconds). Nimura came in at fifth in the

girls 11 to 14's 50m freestyle to earn 4 points and collected 7 for a runner-up finish in the 50m breaststroke (53.03 seconds).

In the boys division, Takahashi was awarded 18 points for swimming in the 11 to 13's 50m butterfly (41.88 seconds) and winning the 100m breaststroke (1:44.04). Sato, on the other

hand, contributed 14 points to Tanapag with his first place finish in the 12 to 13's 100m backstroke (1:32.320 and fourth place in over 11's 100m freestyle (1:14.74). Suzuki chipped in 7 points for his runner-up swim in the 11 to 14's 50m

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Marianas High School's Kento Akimaru does the butterfly stroke in the individual medley race in last Saturday's SSC All Schools meet at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.